

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Corinthians 5: 14- 17

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INTRO

Tell the children about an experience you've had while gardening or farming. Where were you and what was it like? Talk to them about the joy of watching something grow.

SCRIPTURE READING

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever grown a plant of your own or worked in a garden before?
- Has anyone gotten the chance to plant a seed and wait for it to sprout? What was that like?
- How do you imagine planting seeds and watching them grow might be kind of like life?

WRAP-UP

Describe to the children how a seed turns into a whole new creation when the plant begins to grow. Explain that when we plant seeds in soil, an entire transformation happens beneath the dirt that we can't see. Tell them that the plant begins to push out of the seed, the seed dies and the plant, a brand new creation, grows in its place. Tell the children that today's scripture from the book of 2 Corinthians describes how a person, not just a plant, can be a new creation. Wonder with the children about how this might be possible. Show the children this morning's illustration, and tell the children that when we have a relationship with Jesus, it's like everything is made new. Describe how we think about the world, others, animals, and our lives differently, more in the way that God sees all of that. And tell them that we also are made new over and over again, because no matter what, we know God will always forgive and love us. Describe how starting over fresh with God every day gives us the freedom to live like a new creation each morning we wake up. As you close, invite the children to look around for new creations this week and notice how they might see themselves as a new creation, too.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for this morning's scripture. Thank you for new life and for making us new creations through our relationship with Jesus. Give us new ways of thinking about the whole world, including ourselves, so that we can live with freedom as your new creations every day. **Amen.**