

8-23-26 Do You Really - Want To Grow

Overview

God wants us to grow bigger and stronger in our friendship with Jesus—just like a tiny seed grows into a healthy plant. But growing doesn't just happen by itself. We need the right place, people who help us, and a heart that says "Yes!" to God.

Big Ideas

1. **Your place matters** Plants need good dirt, sunshine, and water. We need the right people and places around us so we can grow closer to Jesus. Moses had to leave a hard place and go somewhere new before God could use him in a big way.
2. **You need helpers** No plant grows all alone. Friends and family help water us, pull out the weeds (bad habits or wrong choices), and cheer us on. Sometimes we need people who love Jesus and love us to help us grow.
3. **You have to want it** A seed has to grow on its own. You have to decide you really want to grow. Sometimes that means saying "no" to old ways and "yes" to Jesus so something brand new and better can grow in your life.

Fun Questions to Think About

- What is one place or person that helps you feel closer to Jesus?
- Who is someone in your life that helps you grow (like a helper in the garden)?
- Is there something you need to stop doing so you can grow better?
- Do you really want to grow closer to Jesus this week? Why or why not?

Things You Can Do This Week

- Ask Jesus every day: "Help me grow to be more like You!"
- Tell a parent or leader one way you want to grow.
- Be a helper to someone else (share, encourage, or pray for a friend).
- Join in with your church kids' group, serve team, or family Bible time.
- Draw a picture of a seed turning into a strong plant—and write "I want to grow!" on it.

Fun Group or Family Talk Ideas

1. Share about a time someone helped you grow (like teaching you something new or cheering you on). How did it feel?
2. Pretend you are a plant. What would help you grow strong? What would stop you from growing?
3. Jesus said a seed has to "die" so it can grow into many new plants. What is one small thing you could "let go of" so you can grow better?
4. What is one fun way our family or group can help each other grow this week?
5. Pray together: "Jesus, please help us grow strong in You. Give us brave hearts that say yes to You!"