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Nurturing: The Believers are Supported

Key Verse — 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

Suggested Activity:

Finalize the discussion of the plants with the children. Explain why their plants grew and yours did not. The main goal is for them to see the parallel between the plants needing nutrition, and the church needing the Word of God. You may wish to show pictures of plants at varying stages such as a seed, a seedling, a young plant, and a strong sturdy plant.

Conclusion:

During the previous three lessons, we learned about an orchard of Super Trees that was eventually planted all over the world. These Super Trees grew Super Food that could feed all people. Of course the main factor in growing these trees was the scientist’s Super Nutrient Formula.

We also learned that there is a very real need to feed the world something more than regular food. Far more important is the ability to feed them the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to help them grow strong churches. But just how are seven billion people going to hear about Jesus?

It’s the same plan that God set up two-thousand years ago, and it still works today. It takes a Messenger who carries the Message. Not everyone answers this call to go and reach the world outside of their homeland, but some do. Even if we don’t go, we still have an obligation to help missionaries “plant trees” around the world. Those trees are new churches and those new churches need lots of the Super Nutrient Formula (also known as the Bible).

In 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, Paul is writing to Christians in Corinth about this very thing, “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither is he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive

his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.” Paul, the best Biblical example of a missionary, is telling the Christians in the church at Corinth that they each have a job to do. Each individual in the church has a separate, unique responsibility that God wants him to accomplish. Just as someone plants a seed and another comes and waters, so are we to do the same with the Gospel. Everyone cannot be a missionary to a foreign country. However, we are called to “go.” Some are called to go further than others. Not everyone will be a pastor. But everyone is commanded by God to do his part. It may be in planting, watering, cultivating, or harvesting.

Delivering the message of the Gospel is enough to help someone in a foreign land to accept Christ as their Savior, but that is only a taste of what God wants us to eat in order to be healthy Christians here on Earth. His Word has several hundred more pages of love, encouragement, and instruction on which new believers should feast.

Crack the code

in order to find the adjective that describes the importance of the Word of God.

The

Message

Must

Go

With

The

Messenger

Key

1	3-5-6-9
2	7-3-20-26
3	40-26-54-12
4	41-16-15-6
5	58-12-1-34
6	19-34-8-12
7	20-25-13-15

Use your Bible and the key to crack the mystery phrase.
For example, #1 would be
Leviticus 5:6 and the 9th word in the verse.
Book 3 - Chapter 5 - Verse 6 - Word 9