

WORD SEARCH!

Find all eleven words hidden in the puzzle.

B	V	M	G	W	V	U	M	X	O	S	Z	T	Q	O
A	S	S	I	S	T	A	N	T	S	W	D	O	U	X
M	O	F	O	B	R	K	D	M	S	Q	Q	Z	W	N
F	X	W	E	L	A	B	O	R	A	T	O	R	Y	H
S	S	J	T	R	R	D	E	M	S	R	D	R	O	I
H	R	M	J	C	T	M	Y	H	Q	E	M	Z	X	N
D	W	N	M	B	R	I	S	T	O	T	M	O	K	M
O	B	U	Y	A	I	C	L	M	R	M	G	Z	Z	F
S	G	V	F	R	T	B	H	I	J	J	O	W	V	K
S	L	C	X	B	K	V	L	U	Z	A	T	O	A	X
E	P	U	Q	F	I	C	J	E	R	E	K	P	U	X
J	L	T	Y	S	F	P	V	K	V	C	R	R	E	E
B	E	R	I	E	Z	N	A	P	X	Z	H	U	B	R
Y	W	E	T	E	T	N	J	B	L	W	F	S	Y	K
F	W	E	I	D	X	B	D	E	U	F	O	I	V	R
C	H	R	I	S	T	I	A	N	S	R	C	Y	R	A
O	E	M	T	V	U	R	A	J	Z	U	X	A	W	O
O	O	N	O	L	D	P	N	Z	X	U	S	D	E	H
O	T	Y	P	Q	Y	S	E	S	Z	H	V	P	L	F
Q	R	L	S	S	F	Z	N	R	D	Z	M	J	K	S

SEEDS
JESUS
BIBLE
ASSISTANTS

LABORATORY
FARMERS
CHURCH
SUPER

TREE
FERTILIZER
CHRISTIANS

TEACHER NOTES



CHILDREN'S TEACHER GUIDE – LESSON 1



God's People are the Church



Bearing Precious Seed is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Milford, Ohio

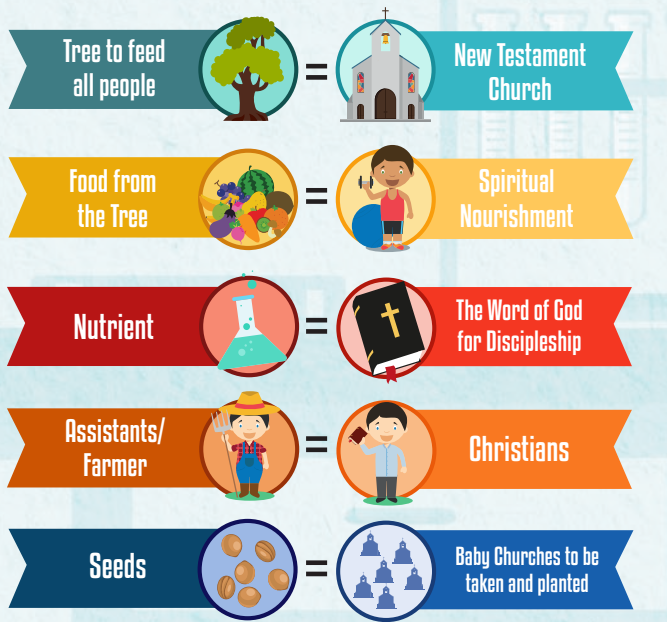
Planting: God’s People are the Church

Key Verse — Acts 1:8

Note to the Teacher:

This series of lessons will contain stories in an allegory form. The symbolism contained in the stories will parallel the cycle of the church. Using the New Testament Church as the Biblical foundation and pattern, children will better understand their own role in the Great Commission as their church duplicates itself by propagating the Gospel all over the world.

Analogy/Allegory Key



Suggested Activity:

Because this series of lessons deals primarily with plant growth, have the children each plant a seed in individual pots. As the weeks pass, begin each lesson by discussing the progress of each plant.

In addition, plant four other seeds in individual pots with different conditions on each. For example, have one seed in a pot without soil. For the second pot, plant the seed but do not water it. Place another pot in a shaded area. Discuss the difference between your plants and the children’s.

Introduction:

The world is full of many people who do not have enough food to eat. They are physically starving to death. But what if a brilliant scientist developed a guaranteed way to feed everyone on the planet? Pay attention to the following tale about a scientist who works in a poverty stricken region of the world.

Story: “A Tree to Feed All People”

“Gather around the sapling in the center of my workshop everyone,” said the scientist to a group of 120 of his best assistants. “I have invented a Super Tree that will grow the most nutritious food the world has ever known. This Super Tree is the first of many that can feed everyone on Earth. If you’ll just follow my simple instructions, we can grow these super trees all around the planet. They’ll not only be able to feed your families here, but also every other family worldwide!”

“You are a very respected scientist,” said one of the assistants. “But how can one type of tree grow everywhere in the world? What about the snowy areas? Or in the desert? And how can it grow all year round? Trees only produce fruit once a year, right?”

“Excellent question,” said the scientist. “The secret, Sir, is in the nutrient! With my Super Nutrient Formula, the Super Trees will be invincible!”

“My family is hungry, and so are my neighbors,” said another assistant. “Just tell me what to do, and I’ll do it!”

A roar came from the crowd of assistants as they all cheered in agreement. “Yes! Yes! Just tell us what we need to do!”

With an authoritative tone, the scientist spoke to his assistants. “Water and sunlight are already provided. All you have to do is use my Super Nutrient Formula on this little sapling every day. It will not only grow enough food to feed your family and neighbors, but it will also produce seeds that can be taken and planted all over the Earth. You must take these seeds with you and become farmers in faraway lands. Also, take my Super Nutrient Formula along as well. Plant the seeds; nourish daily; and repeat this process until the whole world is no longer starving for food.”

All of the lab assistants had just been assigned to be volunteer farmers. They stampeded for the door, excited to begin the work of planting Super Trees.

“Remember,” called the scientist. “It takes a farmer to go and the nutrient to grow! You need both if you’re going to succeed in feeding the world.”

Conclusion:

The scientist in our story is just like Jesus was 2,000 ago when he was preparing His followers to begin planting New Testament churches all around the world. He told His disciples to go into Jerusalem, Judaea, and the uttermost parts of the Earth and to tell everyone they met how to go to Heaven through faith in Him. There were 120 people who worked to start that first church in Jerusalem. It was to become the model of the way that God wanted to feed a world that was starving spiritually and destined for Hell.

In our tale, the scientist asked his assistants to become tree farmers and branch out first at home, and then all over the world planting trees. He provided them with a Super Nutrient that would help the trees to grow, produce fruit, and then reproduce themselves. Jesus’ disciples were asked to become messengers of the Gospel who would go out and plant churches. That Super Nutrient that they used was the very Word of God!

A new church can start when a group of believers who have heard the Gospel and have trusted in Christ as their Savior gets together. However, this baby church will never grow strong or reproduce if it doesn’t get a healthy, daily dose of God’s Word.

If you are a follower of Christ, then you are also chosen to be a disciple and spread the Gospel. But you cannot do it alone, this is why God formed the church. It is the church’s job to spread the Gospel and make more churches. Those churches will then do the same and create others. However, because you are a follower of Christ, you are a part of the church. This means you be a part of making other churches if you help your church in any way that you can. Things like attending Sunday school, singing, helping others, praying for missionaries, giving your offering, and using your talents in the church are only a few things that you can do to help your church to grow and ultimately make more churches.

Remember, it takes the Messenger to go and the Message to grow if you’re going to reach the world for Christ. The power for miraculous growth is always in the nutrient!