

Dear Parents,

This week we will challenge the children to consider how God's Word is growing in their lives. Our Scripture text is the apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. Paul's desire was to encourage these young Christians not only to plant the seed of God's Word in their hearts, but to also carefully nurture the seed.

We will also examine the Parable of the Sower to discover how Jesus compared the sowing of seed in different kinds of soil to the different ways in which people receive the word of God.

This week's application activity is a "How to Care for Your Spiritual Garden" booklet. Ask your child to share some of his/her gardening pointers with you this weekend.

Our memory verse for this week, Hebrews 12:1, encourages us to keep the garden of our lives well-tended as a witness to others.

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."*

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to encourage your fourth grader to grow in Jesus.

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