

# Family Page



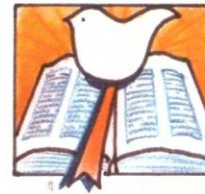
Jesus speaks this week of the power of faith. Planting a “Faith Garden” will help your family understand the message of the mustard seed story. When you first plant your seeds, it will seem like nothing is happening — just as your first profession of faith in Jesus doesn’t seem to change your life. But before you know it, the seeds will start to grow, pushing little green heads up through the dirt.

- 1** Choose together what kind of garden you want to plant. For states where winter is harsh, small flowers that will continue to grow inside the house should be selected.
- 2** Use a plastic egg carton for your seedlings. Punch a pinhole in the bottom of each section.
- 3** Fill your egg carton with soft rich dirt and plant a few seeds just below the surface of the soil in each section.
- 4** Select a sunny window for your garden. Be sure to place something under the carton to catch any water that runs through.
- 5** Water your seeds *only* until the soil feels moist. Be careful not to drown them with too much water.



As your little garden grows, remember what Jesus said about faith and the mustard seed. Believe a little, pray a lot, and before you know it, you and Jesus will be doing wonderful things together.

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# explaining GOD'S WORD

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Every little seed holds a big surprise. Planted in the ground, watered by the rain, and warmed by the sunshine, this little seed will grow. Follow the dots and color the picture to see what surprise it holds.

# Jesus talks about faith

Do you know what FAITH means? It means believing in the things that Jesus says and in the things he does.

Jesus says if you have faith, even just a tiny bit, wonderful things can happen. Just believe a little, and you will see miracles.

Miracles happen every day. Every time a baby is born, that's a miracle.

When spring flowers grow after a long winter's sleep, that's a miracle. When the darkness of night turns into day, that's a miracle.

Caterpillars turn into butterflies, people who are sick get well; and God gives life after death.



Believe in the miracles you see every day. Just a tiny grain-of-sand faith will bring wonderful surprises for you and the people you love.



## Watch a Miracle Happen

Here are two rows of pictures. On the left are miracles about to happen — on the right, pictures of what will become of these things when God touches them with love and care. Can you match them up?

