



Theme: Growing our faith

Book: **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?

Free play suggestion:

Link with book:

- Set up a farm with animals, building and tractors.



I wonder what the farmer is going to plant.

I wonder who will eat what he plants.

Inspiration ...

Biblical Reference:

Matthew 13:31-32

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

31 He told them another parable:

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.

• SNACK TIME

Seeded bread – you could toast it or just put butter on it.

• SONGS

Use musical instruments

Dingle dangle scarecrow

Big red tractor

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIDOMQPptOM>

Theme Introduction:

Jesus describes Heaven like a mustard seed. The Tiny seed which measures 1-2mm becomes the tallest of plants, so tall that people come to see them. In Palestine, a very familiar sight would have been mustard bushes that grow six to twelve feet high. Flocks of birds rest in them as they enjoy snacking on the tiny black mustard seeds.

We don't always know whether our families have a faith or not however we should always try to plant little seeds within them and then nurture them to help them grow.

Theme exploration:

A seed is the beginning: it looks like nothing important or special, but seeds can grow into beautiful plants; they then make more seeds so that more plants can grow.

God wants us to grow our faith in Him by talking to Him every day, listening to Him and joining with others to worship Him.

Craft ideas:

Link with book and to theme:

- Decorate the sunflower outline. You could use split peas, seeds, crepe paper, paint etc.
- Plant sunflower seeds. Talk to the children about how to nurture them and encourage parents to take photos of them as they grow.



I wonder how tall this sunflower will grow.

I wonder what you need to do to look after the sunflower plant.



Prayer time

Loving God, as we look after our growing sunflowers, help us to also grow our faith and understanding of you. Amen.

Faith in action:

How will you grow your faith this week?
E.g. read the Bible, pray, say thank you to God before we eat our meals.