## **gend**

Joe and his friend Thomas like to play together. Joe doesn't come to church often. How can Thomas spread the seed of God's love to Joe?

Print their thoughts or words in the bubbles.





Be with us each day, Lord, as our faith in you grows and grows. Amen

### This week

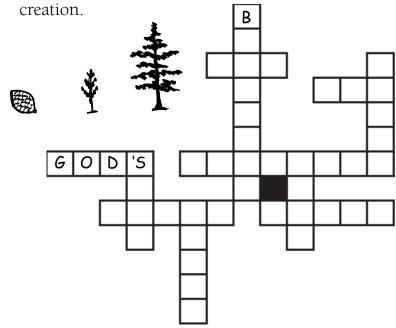
Take a walk this week, notice all of the growing plants around you, and see if you can find out what some of their seeds are like.



## gather

#### Welcome to worship.

Do you see things in your worship place that are made from wood? The wood and trees are a part of God's



Think of the tiny seeds that become sturdy trees, a home for animals and birds and a source of wood for our own use. Place the wood words into the crossword puzzle above.

Wood Words

GOD'S CEDAR OAK BIRCH FIR SEED ACORN TWIG GREEN CREATION BRANCHES

# hear & celebrate

Today's gospel, and also the First Reading, talk about growing things. Jesus said that God's kingdom is, in a way, like seeds that have been planted and now are growing.

Below, match the meaning on the left with the correct picture in the middle. Then, just for fun, see if you can match that picture to something on the right that sounds like it. (Like the way "I" and "eye" sound alike.)

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. To grow and produce great results. We "bear fruit" when we tell lots of people about Jesus.
- 2. To spread and plant seed on the ground
- 3. The top of a wheat or other grain stalk that contains the good usable grain
- 4. The stem of a plant
- 5. A curved cutting tool used for harvesting grain
- 6. A sturdy branch of a tree



Memorize a verse from today's lesson: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation." 2 Corinthians 5:17a How can you become a new creation every day?

