

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: PROPER 22C

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Faith like a mustard seed.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!" (Luke 17:6)

AIDS

Pot with soil. Seeds.

ADDRESS

Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow? Describe what happens.

e.g. Needs sun, water, the seed will open and a shoot will come out growing towards the light

Do we see this happening?

e.g. no it happens under the soil – but they are very important steps to growing

Jesus compared faith to a small seed. Plant some seeds. Now we wait to see them grow. Our faith needs water, care, food too. What do you think we need for our faith to grow?

e.g. Come to church, read our Bible, pray

Then we grow towards the Son too but a different kind of Son – Jesus the Son of God. His light shines on us and we grow in faith.

There are many people in our churches who do lots of little things that others may not notice but they add up to making a big difference.

You can think of ways that you and your family can be like a small mustard seed in our church and do those little things and see how you can make a big difference.

PRAYER

Lord God, help us as we grow in faith in you. Thank you for the Bible and for our church. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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