

Gospel Activity of the 5th Sunday of Lent

A Grain of Wheat

Read: John 12:23 - 27)

Jesus said to his disciples, "The time has come for me to be glorified. Just as a grain of wheat must die to produce a harvest of many grains, so the son of God must die so that many can live." Jesus was troubled because he knew the time for him to die was fast approaching. "I could ask my heavenly father to stop this thing from happening, but it was for this very reason that I have come."

Discuss:

Many familiar plants produce seeds which die so that they can produce new life. What kind of vegetable and flower seeds do this? They are beautiful flowers or plants in the summer, but in the fall they turn brown and fall to the ground. But in the spring they begin to grow again!

Jesus used the image of the grain of wheat to try to explain what would happen to him. He wanted us to understand that, like a seed's, his death was necessary, if new life was to be given to many. Jesus gave up his life by dying on the cross so that he could have new and everlasting life, which we could share with him.

Activity:

You will need crayons or color pencils, scissors, glue, and an extra blank piece of paper

Color the different stages of development of a seed from its beginnings to its final harvest. Cut out the pictures of the different stages of the growing plant.

Arrange the pictures in the correct order and glue to your blank page.

Remember...the death of one seed can produce a whole new crop!

