

Beginning a New Series! “**Growing with the Disciples of Jesus**”

Watch: <https://youtu.be/yZd1k7raG7w>

Supplies (Included):

- Basil Seeds (paper package)
- Planter Pot
- Potting Dirt

(Not Included):

- Sharpie/Permanent Marker

We all know a few stories about Jesus right? Jesus was a man who was God at the exact same time. Jesus showed us the power of God through what he did – he did many miracles! Can you think of a miracle that Jesus did? What is your favourite one that you can think of? Would you tell me the story?

In the next weeks we are going to learn about Jesus and his Disciples. Jesus’ disciples were close friends who tried to follow in his example, but they were really just regular people like me and you. Following closely in Jesus’ example is what helped them to eventually do great things kind of like what Jesus did!

You can also be a disciple of Jesus. When you listen to Jesus’ teaching, learn about him, and follow his example, **you** are being a disciple of Jesus too!

Activity:

Today we have a few Basil seeds, dirt, and a pot for you.

Plant the seed in the dirt and give it a little bit of water. Put it in a warm area in your house that gets sunlight every day. For the first week or two, water it 2-3 times per week, making sure the soil stays moist. Once you can start to see growth, water it twice per week, and we will see what happens over the coming weeks! (tip: once the plant has started to grow you can also put the pot on a small dish and give the plant water from below by pouring water into the dish and allowing water to soak into the dirt from the bottom; this can help better roots to grow!)

Take a Sharpie and write: “I am a disciple on the planter to remind yourself of why we are doing this activity!”

Say:

The plant will grow, but we need to water the unseen part, the part of the plant under the ground. If we don’t carefully water a plant, then the plant will stop growing, and it will eventually die. Just think for a

moment: Does this plant seem like my life at all? Are there things in my life that need special care like this plant needs water for its roots? (maybe eating, sleeping, brushing teeth, getting exercise, etc.)

But we also need to grow in how we follow Jesus' example! We need special water for our "roots." Can you think of some way that we grow to better follow Jesus' example? (some examples: being kind, reading the Bible, praying, going to church, learning with Cornerstone?)

Well in these next weeks we are going to learn about how the disciples of Jesus grew from people who just did whatever they wanted, and changed to be follow Jesus' example in their lives. A lot of times these disciple guys did not really seem to have learned much, but sometimes they really started to understand Jesus and change how they lived! We could say that the disciples started to live with roots watered by Jesus' example, and their lives became healthy and green like a well-watered plant!

You can also be a disciple of Jesus as you follow along in this series!