



# Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 6

YEAR B

## The kingdom of God grows



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Sunday between  
June 12 and June 18  
(if after Trinity Sunday)



## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. What is one way that you have grown over the past year?
2. Jesus talked about the kingdom of God growing from a tiny seed into a large plant. What do you think he meant?
3. God planted the seed of the kingdom in each of us at baptism. In what ways have you been growing as a child of God?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

<b>S</b>	<b>Mark 4:26-34</b>	The use of parables
<b>M</b>	<b>Ezekiel 17:22-24</b>	Israel to return from exile
<b>T</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:6-17</b>	Living by faith
<b>W</b>	<b>Proverbs 3:1-12</b>	Trusting in God
<b>T</b>	<b>Hebrews 11:1-40</b>	The meaning of faith
<b>F</b>	<b>Revelation 21:22-22:5</b>	The tree of life
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15</b>	A song for the sabbath day

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-7





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

As a household activity, visit a plant nursery, botanic garden or conservatory.

Talk about the difference you see between the plants on display, and what is needed to help them grow.

Talk about what we need as humans and what is needed to help us grow and be healthy.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus used parables to make it easier for people to understand what he was trying to say. Many parables were about farming and growing things in the earth.

Find out if there is anyone in your congregation or neighbourhood who needs some help with their garden. Offer to spend time helping them.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

God has planted,  
God has fed. Thanks  
be to God for daily  
bread. Amen.



## PRAYER

Gracious God,  
help us to see with  
eyes of faith that  
your kingdom is  
present in our lives  
and world, bringing  
mercy and steadfast  
love through Christ  
our Lord. Amen.



## BLESSING

May the God of  
steadfast love give  
you a thankful heart  
morning and night  
and all the day long.