

Harvest

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:9-10 (NIV)

Creative idea, guess the number of seeds

You will need one apple and a knife to cut it open

Hold up an apple and ask everyone how many seeds there might be inside it. Cut the apple open and count the seeds to discover who guessed correctly.

All of these seeds have the potential to grow into an apple tree and produce fruit of their own.

In the parable of the sower, Luke 8:4-15, Jesus teaches that the seed is like the Word of God. In the right situation it will grow and flourish.

Have a discussion about who first told them about Jesus, who sowed the first seed. Thank God for all these people, e.g. parents, friends, Sunday school leaders, church leaders.

Our faith calls us to love one another and to share what we have been given because everything comes from God.

Prayers

We pray for the people who are hungry and will not eat properly today. May we find ways to support those who run food share schemes in our communities.

O Lord our God,
We pray that the seed we sow
today will bring a harvest that
causes continued dew upon the
earth to sustain the seed in our hands.

May we always have seed to sow
and rejoice when we see the
transformation that reflects the image
of God in your people all over the world.
Amen.

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