

SEEDS

Brainstorm everything you know about seeds (scientific info & practical uses). How would you describe them to someone who had never seen them before?

Can you think of any stories that use seeds/beans in a creative way throughout the storyline?

Read a selection of verses that use the Hebrew word “zera” (seed or offspring). Below are some key verses to get you started:

Genesis 1:11-12, 29, 3:15, 22:17-18, Deuteronomy 11:10, 22:9
Isaiah 53:10, 55:10, 66:22, Ezekiel 17:5, Zech 8:12

Explore this Hebrew word:

Zera (H2233)

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Jesus spoke often about the seeds in his teachings. Ponder these verses:

Matt 13:24-30, 37-38, Luke 8:11-15,
John 12:24 1 Cor 15:35-38,
1 Peter 1:23, 1 John 3:9

Take some time to reflect on all you've learned.
How do seeds give glory to Jesus & illustrate God's living story?
Have you made any new discoveries?

ENGAGE IN WONDER

How do seeds illustrate God's living story? Reflect on all you've learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- Do you think God envisioned each grown plant before creating its seed?
- In planting a seed, what is our job? What is God's job? What is required for a seed to grow? How do those requirements illustrate Jesus?
- Why do you think God made the cycle of planting to harvest such a long time of waiting?
- Why do you think God created seeds to be planted in soil? What is good soil made of?
- In the Messianic Psalm 22:6, Jesus is referred to as a “worm not a man” and scorned by men. All of creation illustrates God's glory. How does a worm affect soil?
- Comparing soil to our hearts, what condition do you think God wants our heart in before he can plant his imperishable seed?
- The Hebrew word for “seeds” can mean for a plant or offspring. Think about Jesus' life, specifically, his birth and death. Why do you think he came to earth as a baby? Where was he buried before his resurrection? (John 19:41)