

*Unless a grain
falls to the ground and dies...*



Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.

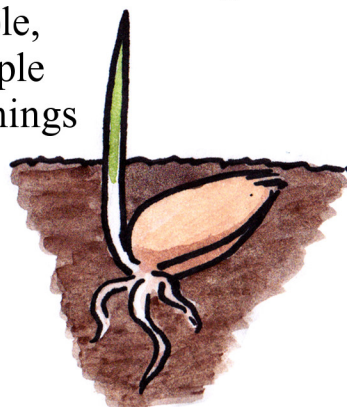


Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?

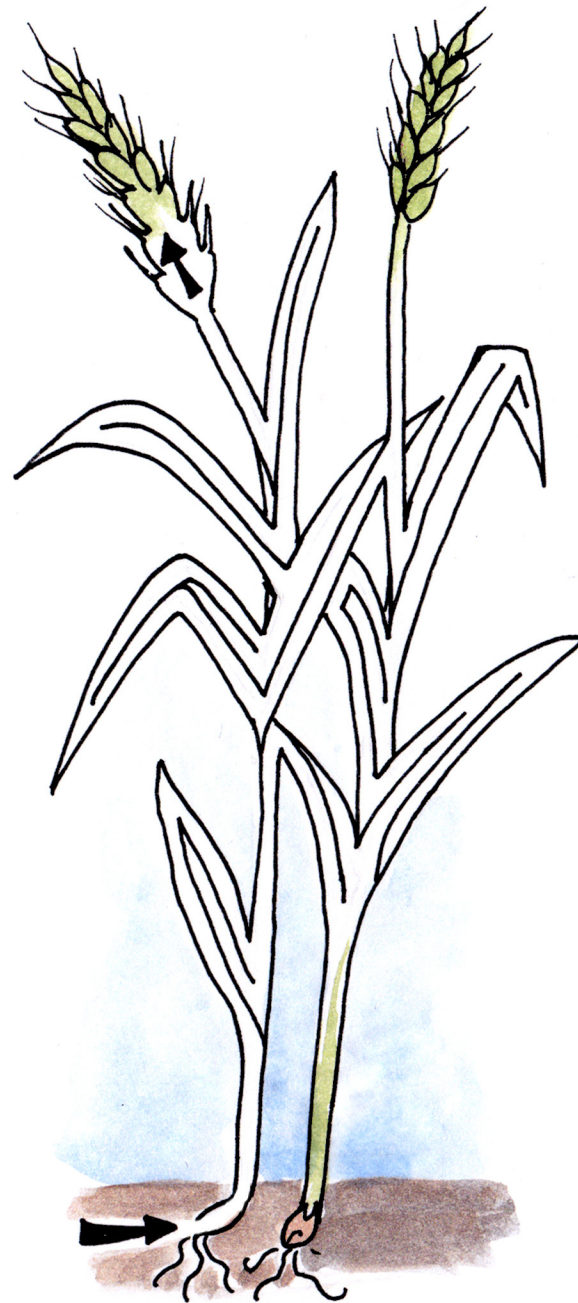
Answer to Word Find:
Salvation.

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In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.


Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

Saint Joseph

March 19

Psalm 51 Word-Find

JOSEPH WAS A HOLY JEWISH MAN BETROTHED TO THE VIRGIN MARY WHEN SHE BECAME THE MOTHER OF JESUS. AN ANGEL TOLD HIM THAT HER SON WAS FROM GOD.

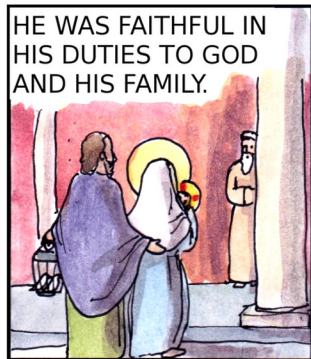


The Child is the Son of God!

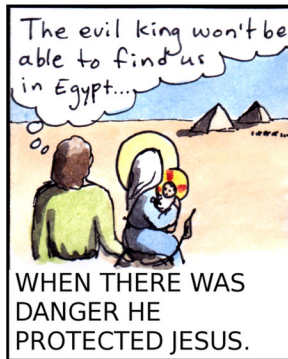
SAINT JOSEPH WAS HONORED TO CARE FOR THE SON OF GOD AND HIS MOTHER MARY.



HE WAS FAITHFUL IN HIS DUTIES TO GOD AND HIS FAMILY.

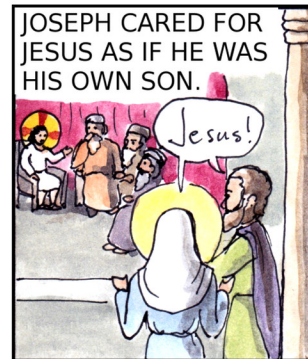


The evil king won't be able to find us in Egypt...



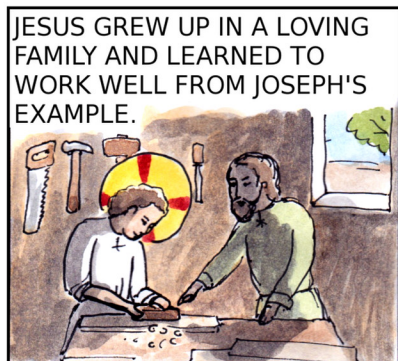
WHEN THERE WAS DANGER HE PROTECTED JESUS.

JOSEPH CARED FOR JESUS AS IF HE WAS HIS OWN SON.

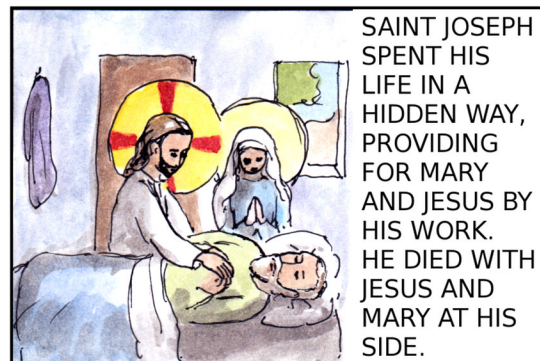


Jesus!

JESUS GREW UP IN A LOVING FAMILY AND LEARNED TO WORK WELL FROM JOSEPH'S EXAMPLE.



SAINT JOSEPH SPENT HIS LIFE IN A HIDDEN WAY, PROVIDING FOR MARY AND JESUS BY HIS WORK. HE DIED WITH JESUS AND MARY AT HIS SIDE.



SAINT JOSEPH HAD ONE OF THE BEST JOBS THAT ANYONE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE: TO LOOK AFTER GOD THE SON! STILL, HE LIVED A QUIET AND HUMBLE LIFE, JUST DOING HIS WORK AND BEING A GOOD AND JUST MAN. SAINT JOSEPH IS READY TO CARE FOR US AS WELL- WE JUST NEED TO ASK HIM FOR HELP!

S A G R E A T N E S S
 S C O M P A S S I O N
 T G O D L V H M Y F P
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See if you can find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle!

The leftover letters tell what the author of the Psalm was asking God for!

Have MERCY on me, O GOD,
 in your GOODNESS;
 in the GREATNESS of your COMPASSION
 wipe OUT my OFFENCE.
 THOROUGHLY WASH me from MY GUILT
 and of my SIN CLEANSE me.

A clean HEART CREATE for me, O God,
 and a STEADFAST spirit RENEW within me.
 CAST me not out from your PRESENCE,
 and your Holy Spirit TAKE not from me.