



## Children's Story

Year C, Easter

# From tiny to Huge!

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little strange

Today is Easter Sunday, the day when Christians around the world celebrate that Jesus is alive! You might wonder what difference does it make that Jesus is alive? We can't see him or touch him, so does it matter that the disciples saw him on Easter morning? For the next 7 Sundays, we will hear stories from the Bible book of Acts. The stories are about what happens to the disciples after Jesus goes to heaven.

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Peter tells the story:

After Jesus had talked to the disciples and gone back to heaven, the disciples started travelling everywhere to tell people about him. Peter told a Roman soldier, named Cornelius, about Jesus and Cornelius believed. Peter also told Cornelius' friends that Jesus was the son of God, sent to earth to heal people and teach us how to live good lives. He taught them that when Jesus died on the cross, he didn't stay dead, but was raised up alive on the third day. Jesus wants to forgive people's sins and invite them to live forever in heaven with him. The Roman people got very excited about this message of forgiveness and life, and many of them became Jesus followers. Then they told their friends too, and it didn't take very long before the tiny number of disciples grew to be a world-wide church with thousands and even millions of people wanting to follow Jesus.

Sophie's Seed:

Sophie held a small carrot seed in her left hand. In her right hand she held a carrot she had taken out of the fridge. "Wow", she thought, who would ever guess that something so small and dry could grow to be so big and delicious!" It was Easter break, and every year Sophie's family liked to start thinking about what they wanted to plant in their garden that spring. So they would pull out the leftover seeds from the year before, and start planning.

Sophie's mom laughed. "It is amazing. And it kind of reminds me of the story we heard in church at Easter time."

"What does a carrot have to do with Easter?" Sophie asked.

"Well, not the carrot." Her mom said. "I was thinking how after Jesus died on the cross, the disciples felt like everything was dead and dry, but then, 3 days later, something happened and then the church grew huge out of that tiny start. "

"The rock was rolled away and the grave was empty!" Sophie said.

"Yes. Jesus was alive. Kind of like a seed sprouting. And that was the start of what we call the church. The disciples got excited that Jesus was alive, and then they all acted like seeds too. They went out to tell other people the good news, and those people told more people and pretty soon the story had gone from a tiny thing that happened in Jerusalem, to a huge story that kept on growing all over the world."

Sophie looked at her carrot. "And the story keeps on feeding us and helping us grow, " she said.

Prayer:

Dear God, we praise you for the amazing and hopeful story of Jesus. Thank you that he is still alive and helps us grow. Help us to be like seeds, growing and spreading your love to others. AMEN

Question for adults:

What is God growing in your life right now?