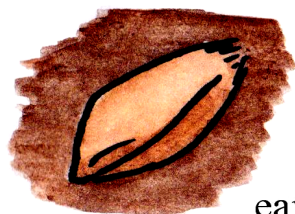


*Unless a grain
falls to the ground and dies...*



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!

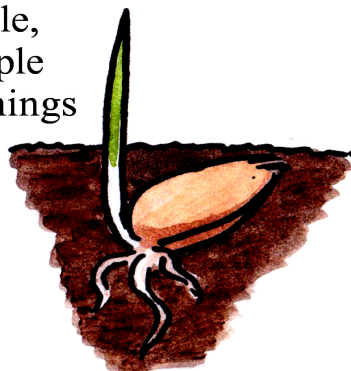
Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds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



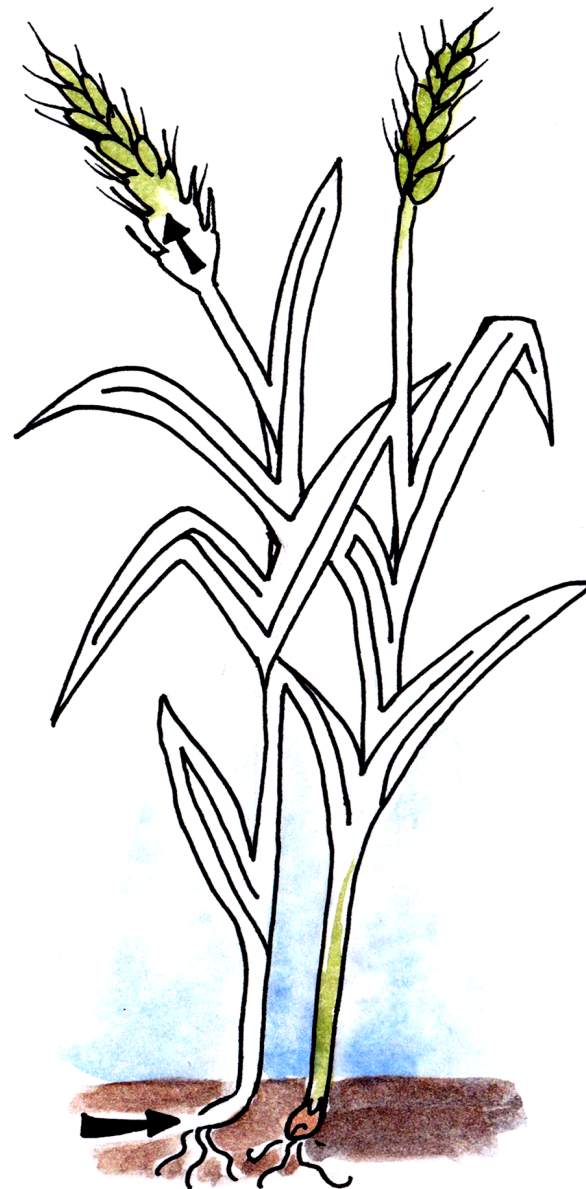
Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are 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?

Answers to The Annunciation Puzzle:
sent, Joseph, name, Lord, confused, angel, not, God,
SON OF GOD



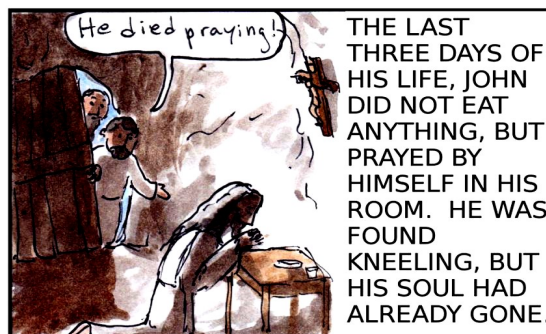
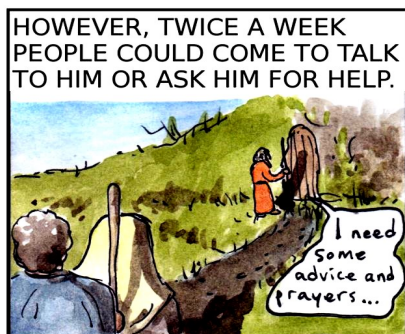
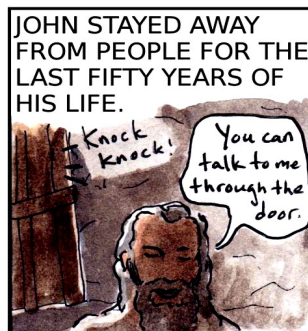
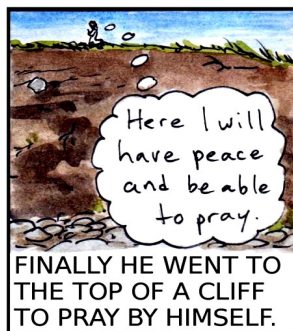
**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21st, 2021**



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?

MARCH 27



SAINT JOHN HAD AVOIDED PEOPLE SO THAT HE WOULDN'T GET ANY TEMPTATIONS FROM THEM. HE WAS TEMPTED BY DEVILS, BUT GOD GAVE HIM THE STRENGTH TO RESIST. MANY MIRACULOUS CURES HAPPENED THROUGH HIS PRAYERS. LIKE ST. JOHN, WE SHOULD AVOID ANYTHING THAT COULD LEAD TO SIN.

The feast of the Annunciation is on March 25th. That is the day that Jesus became a tiny baby inside Mary.

Finish this story by filling in the blanks with words from the lists and using the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

God an angel to a virgin who
was engaged to .
Her was Mary.

He told her that the was with her.
But Mary was about
what the angel said.

So the _____ said to her,
"Do _____ be afraid, Mary, for you
have found favor with _____."

Then the angel told her that she would have a
Baby and that He would be the

CONFUSED
ANGEL
NAME
GOD



JOSEPH
LORD
SENT
NOT