

*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.

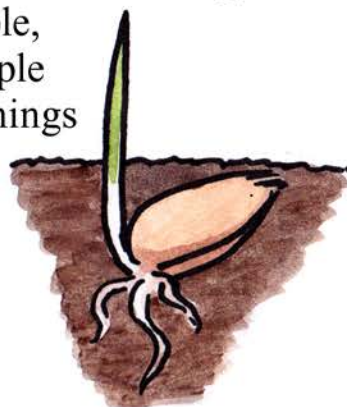


Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are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

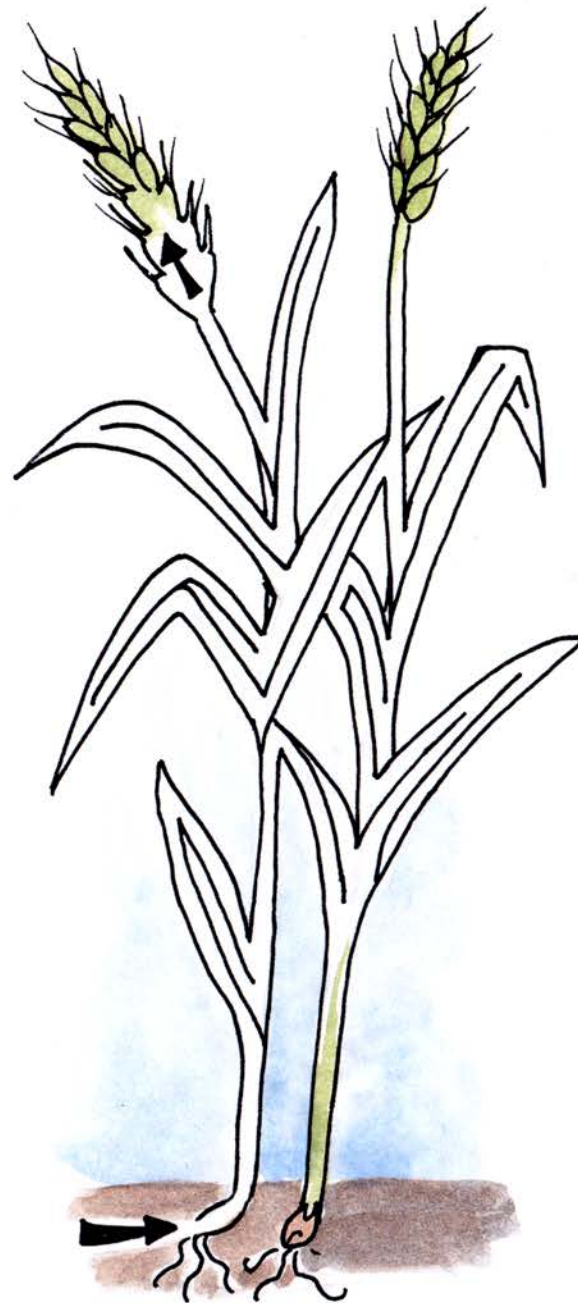
Answers to The Annunciation Puzzle:
sent, Joseph, name, Lord, confused, angel, not, God,
SON OF GOD

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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 JOHN OF EGYPT

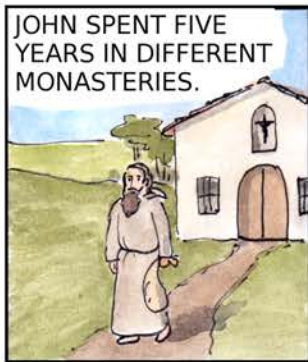
MARCH 27



JOHN WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 304. HE WAS TRAINED AS A CARPENTER, BUT DECIDED TO BECOME A HERMIT AT AGE 25.



HE STAYED WITH AN OLD HERMIT WHO DIED TEN YEARS LATER.



JOHN SPENT FIVE YEARS IN DIFFERENT MONASTERIES.



FINALLY HE WENT TO THE TOP OF A CLIFF TO PRAY BY HIMSELF.



JOHN STAYED AWAY FROM PEOPLE FOR THE LAST FIFTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE.



HOWEVER, TWICE A WEEK PEOPLE COULD COME TO TALK TO HIM OR ASK HIM FOR HELP.



THE LAST THREE DAYS OF HIS LIFE, JOHN DID NOT EAT ANYTHING, BUT PRAYED BY HIMSELF IN HIS ROOM. HE WAS FOUND KNEELING, BUT HIS SOUL HAD ALREADY GONE.

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 Annunciation

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