



GRACIE'S GARDEN

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REMEMBER

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the LORD.—Psalm 27:14

READ

Mark 4:26–29. The Bible says that God's kingdom is like farming. Think about what farmers do; they plant seeds in the soil and wait. And then wait and wait some more! They wait while God provides rain, sunshine, and nutrients so that the seeds can grow into big, strong plants. Farmers can't always see what God is up to, but they trust that God is working.

In the same way God works in seeds, God works in people. Only God can save people and change their hearts. Just as seeds grow little by little, God changes people little by little. Day by day, God helps people who trust in Him to become more like His Son, Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18). More kind, more courageous, more patient, more loving. If you love God and want Him to change your heart, then, little by little, He will!

THINK

1. Have you ever planted seeds? What did you plant? Was it hard waiting for those seeds to grow?
2. In the story, Gracie said a miracle is "when something so wonderful happens that you can't explain it because it's so amazing." Have you ever seen a miracle? What miracles happen around us every day?
3. Throughout the story, Sarah kept saying that she couldn't see anything happening. Does it bother you when you can't see what God is up to and you have to be patient? What is one thing you have to be patient about right now?
4. Just like God grows seeds little by little, God grows people little by little. How have you seen God change your heart recently? How has your love for God or other people grown?