

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

John 20:19-31

Now that the weather has changed, your parents are probably buying packets of seeds to plant in your yard. Look at the picture on one of those packages of seeds. Look at the seeds and ask yourself: “How is it possible that these tiny seeds are going to turn into these big carrots? That is hard to believe! What has to happen to make these seeds into carrots?” The seeds need to be planted as instructed on the package. The depth must be correct, and the location must be good (like lots of sun, or perhaps, shade). Is this all we need to do? Can we just plant the seeds and walk away? No, the seeds and the soil must be watered for the miracle of carrots to happen! Now look at a popcorn kernel. What about this popcorn? Do we eat this? No, we can’t eat this hard kernel of corn. What do we need to do to eat it? We need to heat some oil, put kernels of corn in the hot oil, put the lid on the pan and shake the pan when we hear the kernels pop. It is hard to believe that this hard kernel is going to become a treat we eat while watching a movie! Some things are very hard to believe. At first, it was hard for the disciples to believe that Jesus really did rise from the dead. But they remembered that he said he was going to die, and after three days he would rise from the dead. Some things are hard to believe — like Jesus rising from the dead, but we always have to remember what Jesus said and believe it. Take a few seeds (without knowing what kind of seeds they are) with planting instructions, and plant them and care for them to find out what they are. You will have to believe the seeds will change. So, the disciples (and you and I) have to believe that Jesus could rise from the dead.

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