JESUS TALKS ABOUT HIS DEATH

(Jerusalem) — Jesus told some of his friends that it was almost time for him to die. His followers did not like to hear Jesus talk like that. Jesus was young and healthy and he had a lot of work he hadn't had a chance to do yet. They wondered why he would die when he was so young.

Jesus told his friends to think about a seed that someone plants in his garden or a field. The seed is covered up and buried underneath the ground. The seed begins to come apart as soon as water reaches it. It dies and gives its life away. But soon a brand new life comes from the seed. The next thing anybody knows, a tall green plant comes up.

Jesus said that was how it would be when he died. New life would come afterwards.

John 12:20-33

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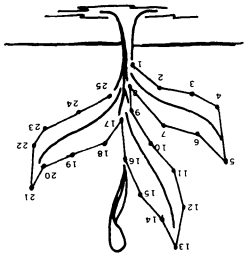

ANSWERS

CHOOSE THE RIGHT WORD:

1. Jesus said he would soon **DIE**.
2. Jesus had a lot of **WORK** to do.
3. Followers thought Jesus was too **YOUNG** to die.
4. Jesus compared himself to a **SEED**.
5. New **LIFE** would follow his death.

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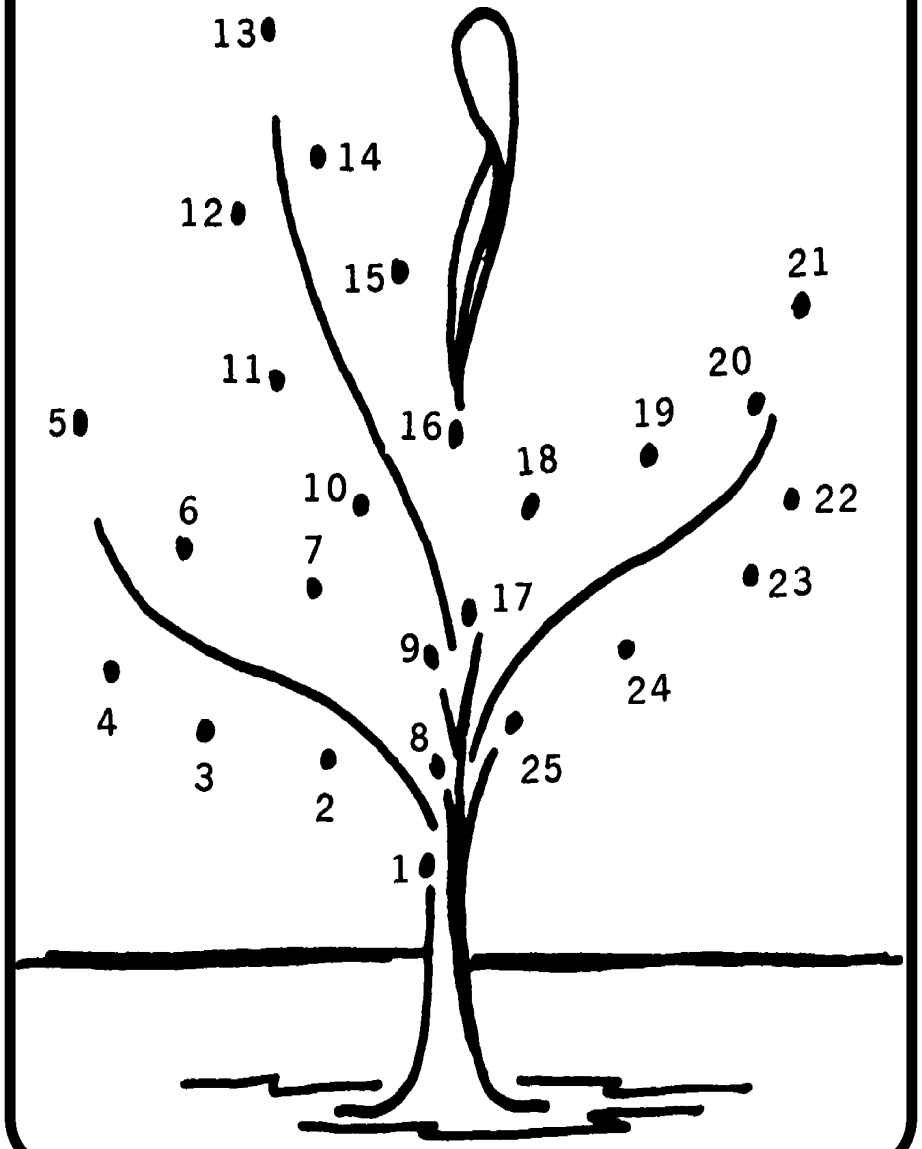
GOSPEL GRAMS

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Finish The Picture. Jesus told his friends that he would have to die, just like a seed dies when you put it in the ground. But new life will come afterwards. Draw a picture of what happens when you bury a seed in the ground. Connect all the numbers and see what the picture is.



Choose The Right Word. Here are five sentences about some ideas mentioned in today's Gospel story. Choose the best word in each set of three, then write it in the blank to finish the sentence.

1. Jesus said he would soon _____ .
   DIE FALL RUN

2. Jesus had a lot of _____ to do.
   MISCHIEF SEWING WORK

3. Followers thought Jesus was too _____ to die.
   SMART YOUNG BUSY

4. Jesus compared himself to a _____ .
   SEED CLOUD RIVER

5. New _____ would follow his death.
   CLOTHES GRASS LIFE

Draw a picture of you planting some garden seeds.