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SMALL SEEDS - BIG CHANGE!

Hello kids!

Have you ever planted a garden? Maybe someone in your family, or your neighbor, has a garden where they grow fruits and vegetables.

People plant gardens in all different ways. Some gardeners plant things in rows, like carrots. Other gardeners grow things up and down or vertically. Others grow things together that like each other like peppers and eggplant- that's called intercropping.

People all over the world grow food, in all different ways! Growing things is pretty amazing! Can you name some things that you might need for a garden?

I need lots of things for my garden—but some of the most important things I need are good soil, water, sun, and seeds!

In my garden, I usually start growing things inside, and then when the plants get bigger, I put them into my raised garden beds outside. I can even cover those beds when it gets cold and things can grow all winter!

Something happens every year in my garden; I know it's going to happen, but I'm surprised every time it does. Each year, my seeds SPROUT!

Seeds come in all sizes, but they are very small. Each year, I take seeds, and I put them in some soil I've prepared. I water it, I put it in a warm sunny place. And you know what happens? It starts to change from a tiny seed into a plant. And that plant grows and grows until it becomes a bigger plant with a vegetable or fruit on it, something I can eat.

It's amazing how a small seed can create some big, abundant plants, which is sort of how God works. There are many places in the Bible that talk about seeds and growing. Genesis 1:29 says that God said, "I gave you every plant that yields seeds...and every tree with fruit that has seeds... and it is food for you."

Do you know the words that God said about everything he made in creation? Good, VERY GOOD! Even the little seeds! If we read closely, God didn't actually create seeds, instead God created plants that have seeds that can grow. Everything about God's creation is about giving life, growing. Making something small into something amazing and big.

Did you know that we have seeds inside our hearts, hands, heads? They are not physical seeds—but are like a feeling in your heart, a thought in your mind, a passion in your soul, a gift that you were born with—something that has been planted or put there by God. You can't see them right away.

They are seeds of kindness, seeds of love, seeds of helpfulness, seeds of grace, seeds of gifts, money and ideas. These small seeds can be used for good to do amazing things when we generously give them. I wonder if you know some of the "seeds" that you have?

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At World Renew we want to help others discover the small seeds God has given them or their families or their communities and the ways those small seeds can create big changes. This week I want you to think about these small seeds and how they grow and bring big changes to plants and vegetables. And I want you to think about the small seeds in you: things you're good at, things you have and can do. And I want you to pray about how you can be part of creating big change around the world with the small things you have.

Let's pray: Abundant Giver of Life - you so graciously give us gifts, talents, resources to create good in this world. Help us to be aware of how our little lives and those around the world, through your love and mercy, can be part of big things! Thank you, God! AMEN

