

PROPER 22

YEAR C

# Faith that overcomes





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Sunday between October 2 and October 8



Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow? Describe what happened.
- 2. Why is it sometimes difficult to trust God in hard times?
- 3. Jesus compared faith to a small seed. In what ways is faith like a seed?



#### **BIBLE READINGS**

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed
M	Mark 11:12-14,20-24	Faith that moves mountains
т	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Fan into flame the gift of God
W	1 John 5:1-5,13-15	Faith overcomes the world
Т	James 1:2-12	Faith produces endurance
F	Lamentations 3: 19-26	I have hope
S	Psalm 37: 1-9	Hope in the Lord

# VERSE OF THE WEEK

For the spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 TIMOTHY 1: 7





#### CREATIVE RESPONSE

Fill a container with potting soil and plant some flower seeds (at least one for each member of your household).

Place the container on your mealtime table or home altar area.

Each day pray for each member of your household by name, asking God to grow them in faith.

Watch your flower pot for signs of life.

Tend to the plant as you tend to your faith.



Thanks we give to God above, for strength and health and those we love.

Amen.



# **PRAYER**

Lord God, help us not to be afraid to tell others about you. Give us a spirit of power, love and selfcontrol. Amen.



## **ACTION RESPONSE**

Plant some seeds. Watch carefully for signs of life! (Hint: alfalfa grows quickly on cotton wool!)

There are many people in our churches who serve as mustard seeds – they do many little things that others may not notice but add up to making a big difference.

Think of someone in your congregation who fits this description. Prepare a small gift of appreciation to give them.



## **BLESSING**

(Name) Child of God, receive the crown of life that God has promised.