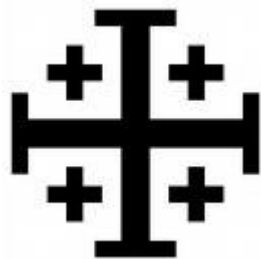


He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." **Mark 4:30-32**

LOVING NEIGHBOR

KINDNESS

JUSTICE



DEVOTION

WORSHIP

LOVING GOD

Just as a seed grows into a sprout, and finally into a full-grown plant, in **SPROUTS** children have an opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Planting the Seeds of Faith

John Wesley urged his followers to obey Jesus' commandment to love God and love your neighbor. Wesley explained how love should be shown in our actions by words of Loving Neighbor and Loving God. He believed that we should encourage and support one another in our efforts to be faithful disciples.

Since 1975, adults Covenant Discipleship groups have been meeting weekly for mutual accountability and support for Christian living. In January 1994, the first Sprouts group was started.

Sprouts provides Covenant Discipleship for older elementary-age children. Each Sprouts group writes a covenant in which they promise to witness to Jesus Christ in the world and follow his teaching through Acts of Kindness, Justice, Worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

At each meeting, members

- Share how they have lived out the covenant during the week;
- Work together on a justice issue; and
- Support each other in their efforts to **love God and neighbor.**



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LOVING NEIGHBOR

Acts of Kindness

(helping others)

Sharing

Being nice to everyone

Giving money to a mission project

Acts of Justice

(helping our world)

Organizing a "Pick up Litter Day"

Learning about UMCOR and making a poster about it.

Implementing a recycling program

LOVING GOD

Acts of Devotion

(relating to God)

Reading the Bible

Praying Daily

Acts of Worship

(praising God with others)

Worshipping each week

Attending Sunday School

A SAMPLE COVENANT

I want to love God and my neighbor. I want to witness to Jesus Christ in the world and to follow his teachings through Acts of Kindness, Justice, Worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I promise these things to God, and I know that God will help me keep my promises and will forgive me when I make a mistake. I will be a faithful member of my group as we encourage and support one another.

- **I will worship each Sunday, if possible.**
- **I will pray each day.**
- **I will read my Bible every day.**
- **I will help someone every day.**
- **I will pick up after myself.**
- **I will make a poster about mission.**
- **I will write about my Acts in my journal and bring it to Sprouts each week.**

YES!

I am
Interested in
Sprouts.

(3rd—6th Graders)

Beginning Sunday, September 6th
at 12:30pm

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone #: 901- _____

Cell #: _____

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