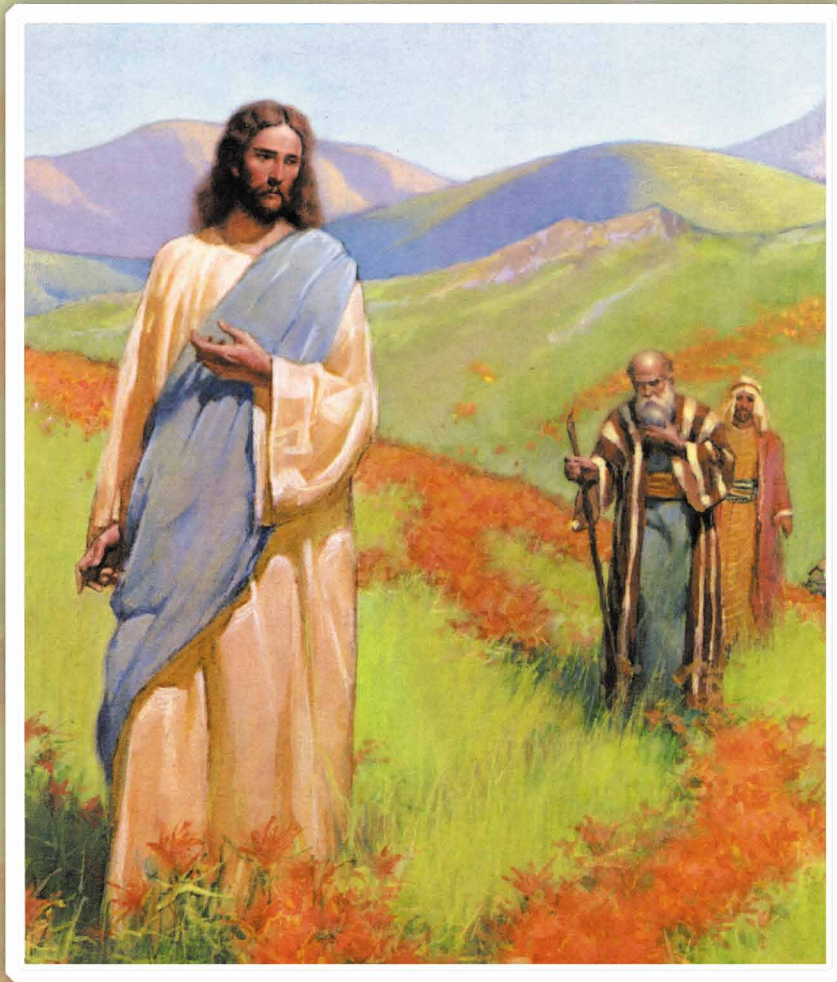


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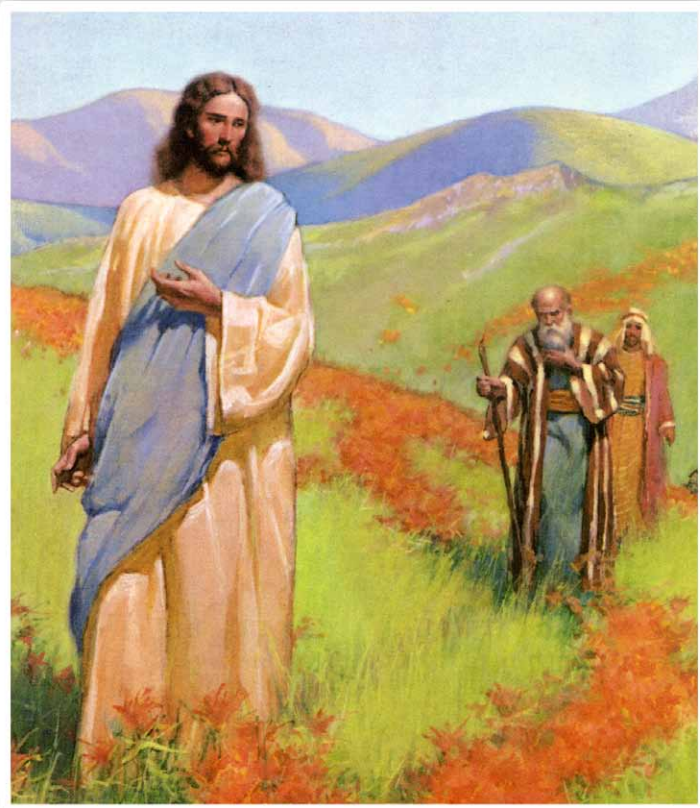
For Ages 5 through 13

There are many beautiful word pictures in the Bible. God often used pictures we see in nature to help us understand His truth. This little study booklet teaches lessons we can learn by looking at how the beautiful flowers in nature grow.

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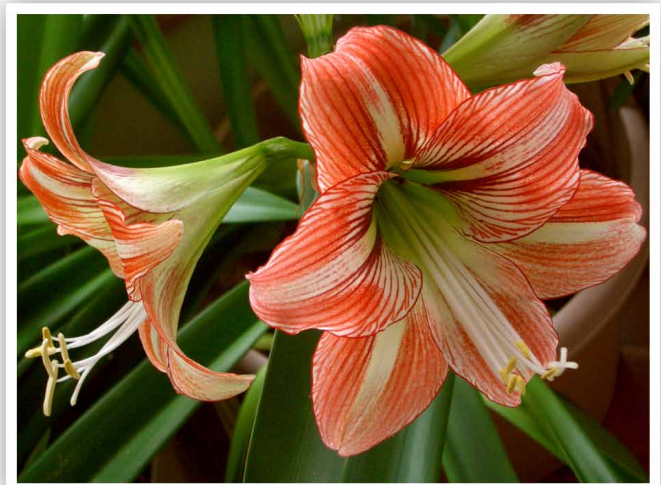
Matthew 6:28:29

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”

Our Lord Jesus used the flowers of the field to teach us about the special care of the Heavenly Father over those who love Him. We should trust God in all things. He is providing all that we need.

“God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

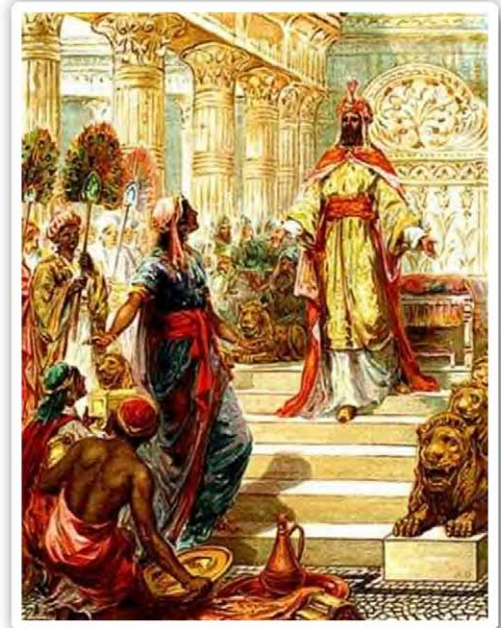
The lilies of the field never worry about what they will eat or wear. They never say, *“I wonder if I should switch fields so I can look as beautiful as that lily over there? I wonder what people will think of me if I don’t grow into a tree? I wonder if I should live by a brook so I can be sure of water to drink?”* No, they are very content with where they are, what they are, and what they have.



This doesn't mean that the lilies don't work. The bulbs work very hard at sending the moisture and nutrients taken from the rain and soil up to the leaves and flowers. The important lesson is that they don't worry about it.

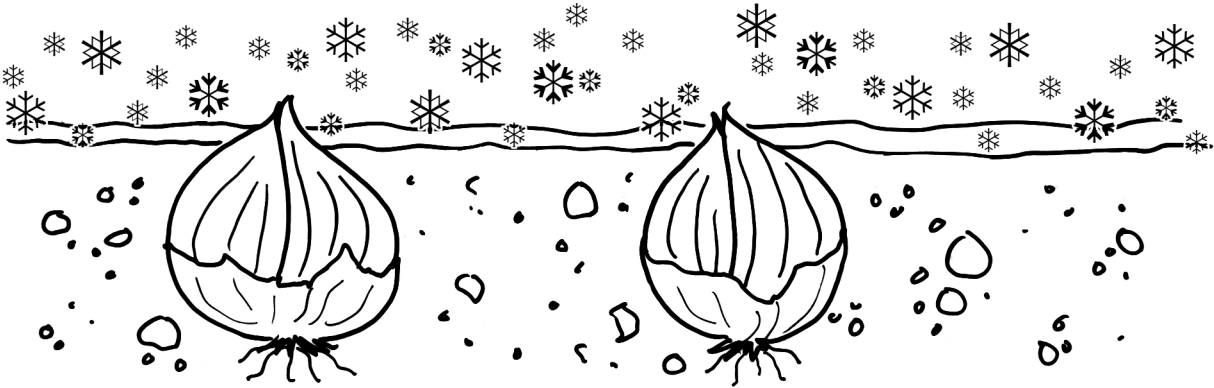
The lilies around Jerusalem are small, red and lovely. Jesus said that even King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed in such beauty. There is such beauty in a flower that no human hand can match the artwork of its texture, color, fragrance and delicate pedals.

And, so, just like the lilies, must learn to trust that God has given all that we need to grow and become beautiful in our characters. If He sees that we would grow stronger in different soil, He will arrange for our transplanting. If He sees that we should develop more quickly, He will send the rain. If He sees that we could develop a more beautiful flower, He will send more sunlight. God wants us to live without worry and to be restful in our hearts.



The Resurrection Springtime

Sleeping in the ground over the long, cold winter have been hundreds of tulip and daffodil bulbs hidden in the ground. They are waiting for the warm Springtime.



Then comes the Springtime! The earth warms up, and the sun and the rain wake the sleeping bulbs. They slowly show life by their bright green leaves peaking out of the soil.



Spring is a beautiful picture of the resurrection. Sleeping in their graves over many, many years have been thousands of people who have died. They are waiting for the Springtime of the resurrection promised by Jesus' ransom sacrifice. God is so merciful, and He loved the world of mankind so much, that He will not let them sleep in their graves forever. He has provided a beautiful plan to bring them up out of their graves for an opportunity to live forever in a perfected earth. This will be a beautiful Garden of Eden all over the world!



After the young, green leaves appear, soon a little flower bud will shoot forth. This pictures what it will be like in God's Kingdom. The people who are resurrected to new life will need to grow and learn. Their characters will bring forth beautiful buds of righteousness.



With a little watering from the rain and sunshine each day, the little buds blossom into beautiful flowers!



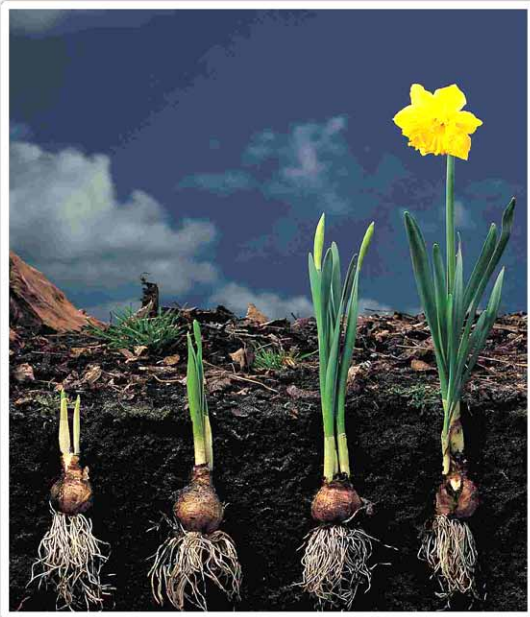
This is a picture of what it will be like for the world of mankind, too. With a little watering from the truth of God's Word and the bright sunlight each day from His love shown to them, each person will blossom into a beautiful and loving human being!

Every Spring is a time to especially think of God's most special gift to mankind — life! We also remember every Spring another special gift, that Jesus died so all mankind could have a resurrection to life and an opportunity to learn righteousness.

So, in the Springtime, whenever we see the flowers pop their sleepy heads out of the ground, it is a reminder to thank God that soon He is going to give the world of mankind a resurrection Springtime! He will give new life to all through the gift of His Son, Jesus!

Fun Fall Bulb Planting Activity

Planting daffodil bulbs **in the Fall** is a fun way to learn how flowers can teach us important lessons. This activity teaches a wonderful lesson on patience, because planting the bulbs is quick and easy, but waiting for them to grow takes time and a lot of patience. It takes time to grow as a Christian, too. God is very patient with us, and gives us all we need over our life time to bring forth a beautiful flowering character.



What you will need:

- a flower pot with a hole in the bottom - about 10 to 12 inches in diameter and 10 to 12 inches in depth
- a base to set it on so that it doesn't leak water
- garden potting soil
- depending on the size of your pot, between 6 to 10 daffodil bulbs per pot (be sure they are full size, because if they are not, they may not bloom this year)
- some slow-release bulb fertilizer to work into the top of the potting soil (you can also use regular fertilizer with a watering can—follow directions so you don't over fertilize)
- a layer of mulch for the top of the soil
- some sunlight, some water, some patience

Step 1: Fill your pot only a third up from the bottom with potting soil.

Step 2: With your fingers, make little dents into the soil and place bulbs in the hole.

Step 3: Cover the bulbs with soil up to an inch below the rim of the pot.

Step 4: If you have it, work a little of the slow-release bulb fertilizer into the top of the potting soil.

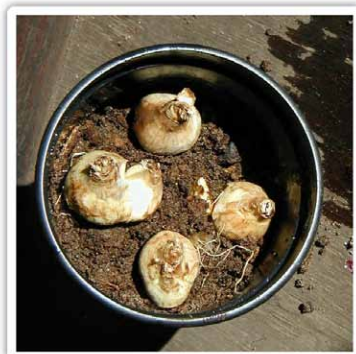
Step 5: Cover soil with a layer of mulch.

Step 6: Place in a sunny spot and water about every 4 days. Be sure to put the pot on a base to protect your table. If you didn't put slow-release fertilizer into the soil, fertilize with regular fertilizer in a watering can about once a week. Follow instructions, so you don't over fertilize.



This way
is up ↑

This pot has four,
but you can plant more!



This is what we call
"cheerful endurance!"

This is what it is all about!
Beautiful, daffodils to
remind us of God's love,
patience, special care
and the hope of the
resurrection!

