

Esther and Emmett – March 21 2021

Emmett: Hi Esther.

Esther: Hi Emmett. Welcome to Spring!

Emmett: You mean...it's that time of year! Spring has sprung!!

Esther: Yes, Spring has sprung again. March 20 is the first day of Spring.

Emmett: This is great! It means that soon leaves will appear on the trees and soon we'll be celebrating Easter!

Esther: And, it means that gardeners are looking forward to planting seeds and growing flowers and vegetables...it's Spring!

Emmett: Seeds sure are strange things!

Esther: Well, they sure are amazing!

Emmett: Yeah...a seed can be this tiny little thing that just sits there doing nothing...

Esther: Until you put it in some soil.

Emmett: Yeah. That's kind of weird isn't it? We bury it. You know, once I buried a loonie.

Esther: Oh Emmett! Why did you do that?

Emmett: Well, I didn't just bury it...every few days I watered it too. I thought maybe it would grow into a loonie plant...you know, rather than flowers there would be loonies...I'd have my own money plant!

Esther: That won't work Emmett!

Emmett: I figured that out. All I ended up with was a muddy loonie after I dug it back up!

Esther: Seeds are special, Emmett. Seeds come in all sorts of shapes and sizes.

Emmett: I guess none of them come in the shape or size of a loonie?

Esther: Not really. Each seed is like a little house. It has an outer shell, that's like the walls of a house. Then inside the shell there is a little tiny baby plant.

Emmett: Ahhh...that's cute. Next time I see a seed I'm going to say, "Hi little baby plant."

Esther: And in the shell there's some plant food...

Emmett: That way the tiny baby plant can snack! I like to snack. I wonder if the baby plant likes cheese and crackers?

Esther: I'm not sure about that...but I know that the outer shell has a kind of super power!

Emmett: Really! Can it fly?

Esther: No, it can't fly, but it is really smart in that it knows just when the baby plant can start growing.

Emmett: Really...when does that happen?

Esther: Well, the shell knows that if the seed is sitting in my hand, it's not the right place for it to start growing.

Emmett: It would be kind of tricky to read a book if I had a flower growing out of my hand!

Esther: It sure would be! The shell knows that it has to be in the soil, with some water, and the right temperature and the amount of light...and then...

Emmett: And then...don't stop now. This is getting exciting! What happens then?

Esther: Well, you know how I said that the shell is like a house?

Emmett: Yeah...

Esther: Well, it's like the shell opens up all the windows and door and roots start to grow down into the ground, and the roots find more water and food for the baby plant... and it starts to grow up towards the sun, and it comes out of the ground, and keeps growing to be a plant with leaves and flowers...

Emmett: And loonies...?

Esther: No, no loonies!

Emmett: Didn't think so!

Esther: You know, Emmett, Jesus said that we are kind of like a seed.

Emmett: Really? Jesus really said a lot of interesting things. So, how are we like a seed?

Esther: Well, it's like inside of us is a tiny bit of God – a bit of God's love – and when we feed that seed it will grow.

Emmett: Ah, snack time – I don't suppose you're talking about cheese and crackers?

Esther: No, I think we feed God's love by listening to stories of how Jesus loved, and by reading stories in the Bible...

Emmett: Oh, and by being with our friends at Messy Church or Sunday School...

Esther: Or by being nice to other people, or by appreciating the beauty of the world...

Emmett: Or maybe, by planting some seeds and growing some colourful flowers!

Esther: Yes...God's love grows in us and then keeps growing in the world.

Emmett: Wow! That's even better than growing loonies!

Esther: It sure is! Spring has sprung...and God loves us. AMEN

Emmett: AMEN