

Seeds in the Shadows

A Visual Parable of
Evangelism and the
Persecuted Church

Christians in Burkina Faso sow seeds of truth with unwavering faith, trusting that the Word of God will not return void – even when they cannot see the changes in those who hear it (Isaiah 55:11).

Let's make a visual reminder to help us pray that the persecuted church will keep sowing in faith.

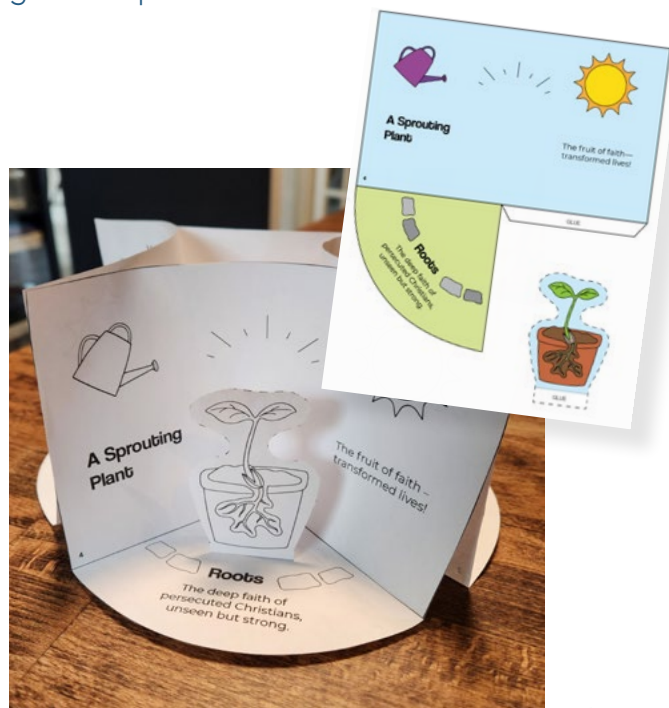
Use any container as a planting pot. Its boundaries will be a reminder of the confined, often hostile environments where believers live. Despite its restrictions, it has great opportunity to be used.

Fill the pot with soil. Soil is dark like the persecution that believers face. Though it appears it may smother righteousness, it is what God uses to bring forth growth.

Plant seeds in the soil. A single seed seems small and insignificant when being planted. Persecuted believers could also be tempted to think the same about themselves. However, like a seed, believers' strength comes from what lives within.

Support the seed by watering it. As you do, remember the impact that prayer support and encouragement have on the global church. Just as water seeps through dark soil to find the hidden seed, prayers and encouragement reach into the darkest corners of the persecuted church, bringing hope to God's people.

When a sprouting plant is discovered, **rejoice!** Praise God for what He does even through darkness and persecution. The unseen roots of the plant grow deep, just as the faith of persecuted Christians grow deeper still.



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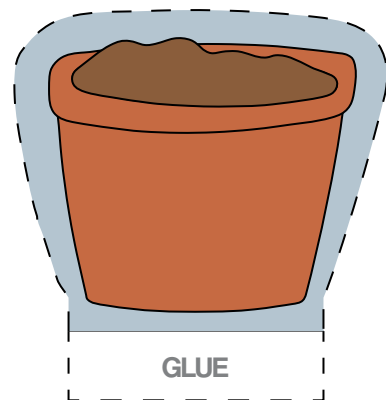
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The Soil

Spiritual depth and suffering. It's dark, but it's where growth begins.

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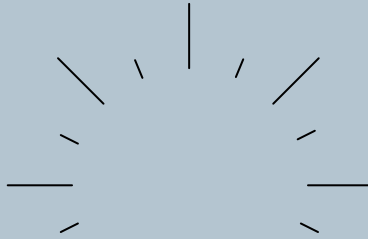
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The Seed

A believer or a
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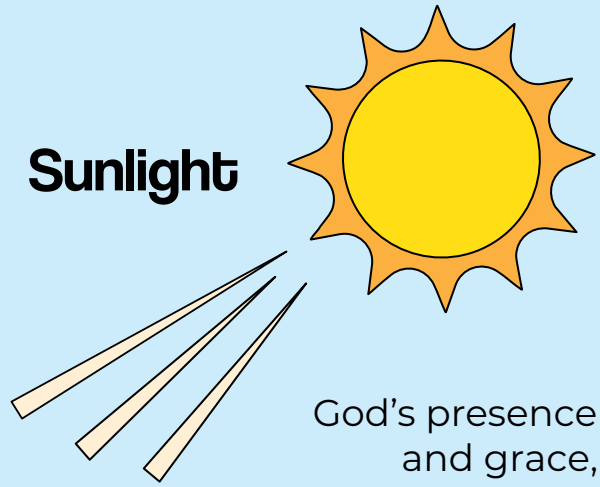


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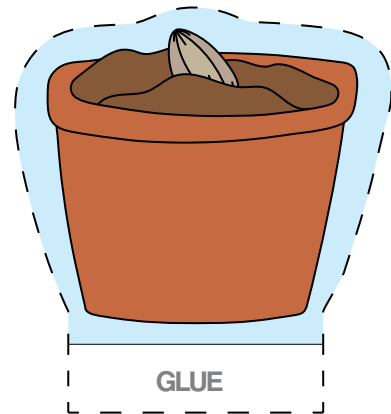
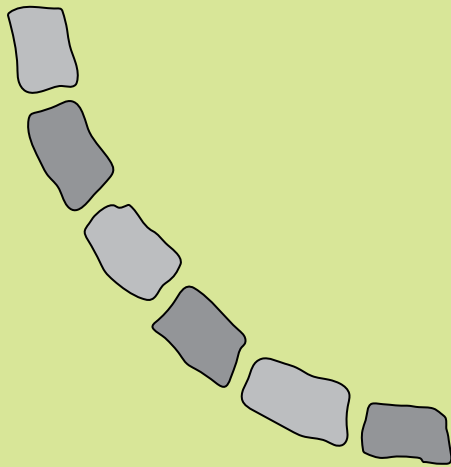
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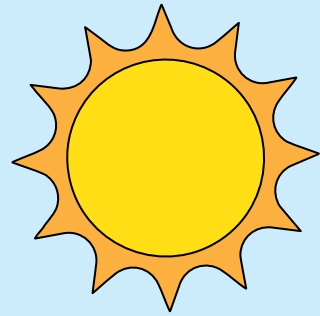
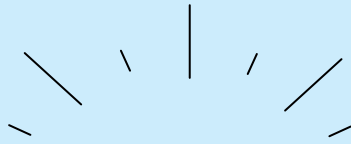
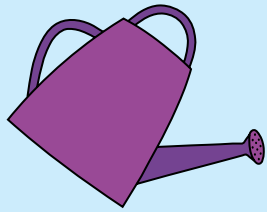


God's presence and grace, reaching even the darkest corners.

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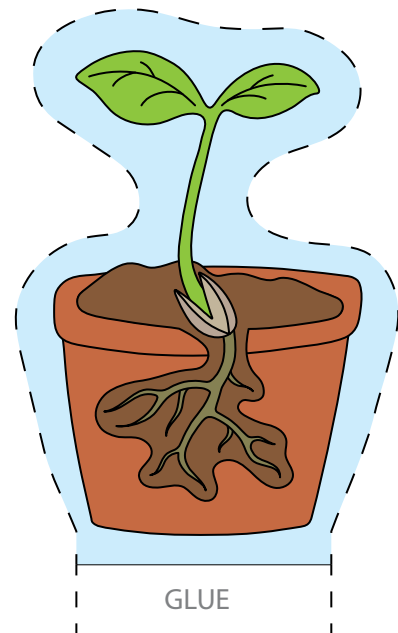
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The fruit of faith – transformed lives!

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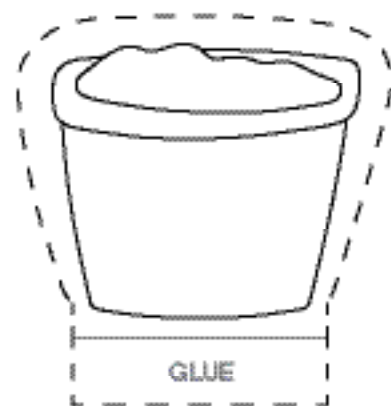
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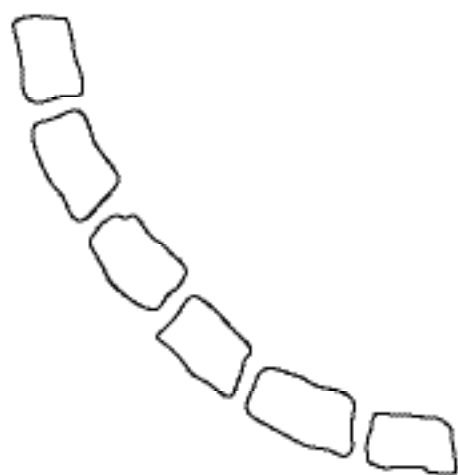
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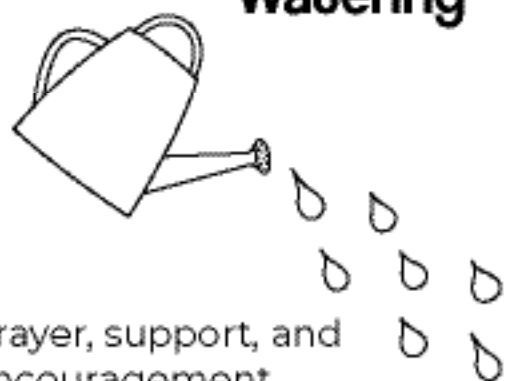


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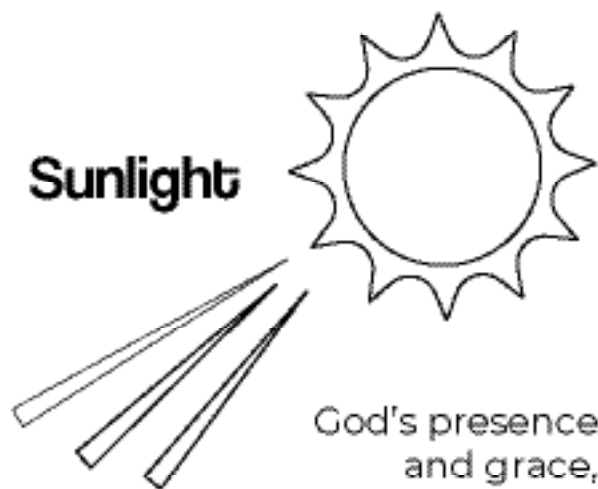


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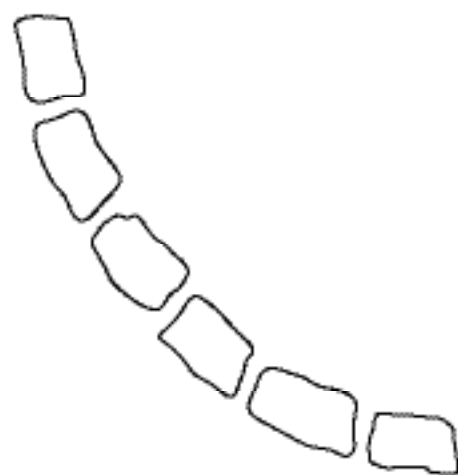
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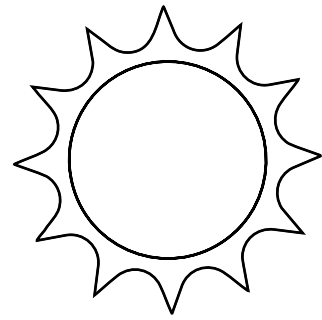
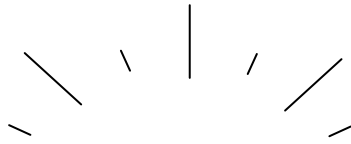
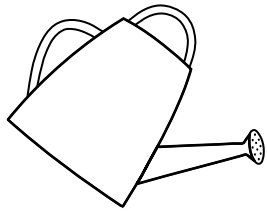
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