

The Word with Children

What is a desert? (Show some pictures of a desert.)

What do you suppose it would be like to live there? What would you long for? When spring rains come to the desert, an amazing, new thing happens. Desert flowers appear, bright and beautiful, even in the hot, dry desert. (Show pictures.) Such a surprise! Sometimes we may feel like a desert, perhaps feel badly about something said or done, or about trouble in our family, or among our friends, or at school, or out in the world. But God can and will do a new thing in us and for us. And whatever it is, it may come as a surprise like the flowers in the desert! (Offer an example from your own life.) And so we put our hope in God who loves us.

Bible Story Alternate:

Jesus Teaches - Matthew 5:1-10; 6:9-13