

Climate Hope Children's Sermon for Sun Day

Props:

- Packet of mustard seeds
- Small potted plant/tree representing growth from a seed
- Climate Hope Art Contest – winner's artwork – Natalie

Leader:

Good morning, children! I want to show you something very small today. (Hold up the mustard seed packet.) Do you see these tiny seeds? They don't look like much, do they? But Jesus told us that the kingdom of God—God's beloved community—is like a mustard seed. Even though it's the smallest of all seeds, when it is planted, it grows and grows until it becomes a big plant that gives shelter to the birds.

That's kind of like hope. Sometimes it starts really small—just a word, a prayer, or even a promise. But when we plant it and take care of it, it grows into something big that helps others.

This year, our church is joining with other churches across the country in planting some seeds of hope as we try to make a difference in caring for the environment. In order to reduce pollution, we are encouraging more solar panels as well as action from our government to support this work. (Show the potted plant.) See how this little plant started as just one seed? That's what happens when we do even small things for the earth and for each other—they grow into something big.

So, here's what I want you to remember: **When we plant seeds of hope, God makes them grow.** Whether it's by recycling, caring for animals, or helping in church, you are planting seeds. And with God's help, our churches across the country can plant seeds together for a better future.

Prayer:

Gracious God, thank you for mustard seeds, for hope, and for our church family. Help us plant seeds of hope in our lives and trust you to make them grow. Thank you for letting us be part of something big and beautiful to make the world a better place. Amen.