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Growing

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Money grew in flowerbeds

Spring is here, and everything is coming to life. Trees are budding. Baby birds are hatching. And chances are, flowers are growing somewhere in your neighborhood. Some of them may even be tulips.

Did you know tulips were once as valuable as gold? In Holland in the 1630s, some of the prettiest tulips were also the hardest to find. As people heard about these flowers, everyone wanted them. Bulbs were soon selling for more than many people made in an entire year. Houses, horses and carriages were traded for a single bulb!

Today, you can buy a tulip bulb for around 50 cents. Spring flowers may no longer be worth their weight in gold, but they are a great reminder of God's care for His creation. Their colorful blooms are signs of new life at winter's end.

You can experience new life on the inside, too. That's what Easter is all about. Jesus died and rose from the grave to give you the most valuable treasure of all: life that never ends. When you invite Him into your heart, He will help you grow into the person He wants you to be.

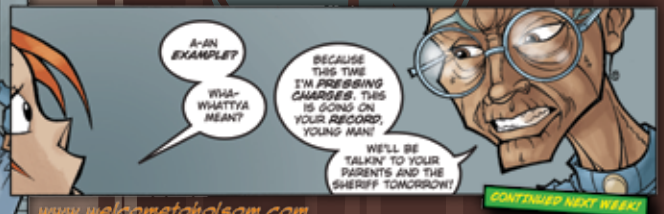
"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9, NIV).

Did you know?

- Scientists are researching ways to grow plants in outer space using artificial sunlight. Someday, astronauts may tend vegetable gardens in space stations or moon greenhouses!
- The world's tallest flower is the titan arum, an Indonesian plant that can reach 12 feet in height. But don't get too close to this blooming giant. It's also the world's smelliest flower, producing an odor like rotten meat!

Write us!

Do you have a question about God? Send it to TPE Kids, *Today's Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo., 65802. If we print it in an upcoming edition, we'll send you a free kids' book. For complete details, see the story on page 6.



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Try this!

Grow grass hair

Place a tablespoon of grass seed in the toe of an old pantyhose stocking. Top it with a cup of potting soil. Tightly gather the stocking around the soil, and tie it off with a knot directly above the lump of soil. Turn the stocking so the knot is on the bottom and the seeds are on top. Use paint or pieces of felt to create a face. Place your creation atop a container of water, with the tail dangling in the water. Keep the container filled as you wait for grass "hair" to sprout.

JUST FOR laughs

Why did the gardener refuse to share her vegetables with the neighbors?

They wouldn't say, "Pretty peas."

What do a bubble and a flower have in common?

Both have Bs (bees) in them.

