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Sacred Space Surprise

Pinecone

Find your bag for November 8, open it, take out the mini pinecone and hold it in your hand.

Ask: Have you noticed when you've been on a walk in the woods, you see lots of pinecones and pine trees? In the state of North Carolina, we have a lot of pine trees and pinecones.

Say: It takes years for pine trees to grow. The little pinecone you hold in your hand fell from a pine tree that once started out from one small seed. Small seeds are tucked into pinecones and then scatter to one day stretch into tall beautiful pine trees.

Say: When we think of seeds, we think of farmers. Farmers plant seeds and sometimes it takes a long time for a farmer to see results from what they planted.

Ask: Have you ever heard the expression "scatter seeds of kindness?" and that will show people God's love? Think of ways you could be kind to your family, your neighbors, or even strangers this week. You may not know how those seeds of kindness will grow, but scatter them anyway. The more you plant, the more will grow.

Say: Let's pray.

Pray: *God, thank you for the beauty of fall and creating beautiful trees and pinecones. We place our pinecone in our sacred space to remind us that scattering seeds of love and kindness can create more and more love and kindness. The more we plant, the more will grow. In Jesus' name, Amen.*