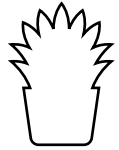


The Target - 2 Peter 1:3-11

Here we have a picture of tree. On the right you why not draw what it might look like after it has grown?



What is needed to make the plant grow bigger?

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The aim of a plant or a tree is to grow. Christians are a lot like trees in this way. Christians aim is to grow in their faith.

How is it that a christian can grow in their faith?

P R _ Y B _ B L _
P R _ C T _ S _

This man is a christian. Circle the words that would show he is growing in his faith from our passage?

Having a beard Knowledge
Brotherly affection Running a marathon
Self-control Love
Purple Hair Godliness
Steadfastness Getting taller

Why does this matter?

This does not say that we need to be have all these to be saved. But instead that we should try to grow in these because he has already saved us.

To help us remember what we've learnt today we're going to make a target.

You'll need a paper plate, some red card, and some white card (or paper).

First you need to cut your red and white card into concentric circles.

Then glue them onto the paper plate, starting with the biggest and ending with the smallest to make a target.

You could put this somewhere that will remind you that our target as Christians is to keep growing in our faith. To become more and more like Jesus.

If you have some cress seeds or similar you could also plant some of these by putting them in a plastic cup with soggy cottonwool and watching them grow, to remind us that our target as christians is to keep growing just the like cress in the cup is growing.