Date: 7/20/19

Title: Harvest Time

Theme: Only God can create the wonderful food we eat.

Object: Packages of seeds planted in the garden. Fresh produce from the garden: zucchini, and broccoli.

Text: Mark 4:26-28 (NIV) 26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain…

Summertime is my favorite time of the year.

And one of the reasons I like summer is because of all the good things to eat.

If you plant a garden in the sprint time, by summer, your garden will produce good things to eat.

Did you ever wonder where all our food comes from?

Well, if you eat a vegetarian diet, it basically all comes from seeds.

Now a seed is a really amazing thing.

What happens when you plant a seed in the ground?

It sprouts, it begins to grow, roots come out of the bottom, a stem comes out of the top, leaves come out of the stem, it grows into a big plant, and it produces a certain kind of fruit with the same kind of seeds in the fruit that you planted to grow the plant!

How does the seed know what kind of a plant to make and what kind of fruit to produce on the plant?

Tomato seeds always produce tomatoes, cucumber seeds always produce cucumbers, squash seeds always produce squashes, bean seeds always produce beans.

Would you like to see some of the seeds I planted in my garden? [Show seeds; emphasize that each kind of seed produces only that kind of fruit and that fruit reproduces that seed.]

How does this little seed know what kind of a plant to make?

Inside each seed is a very complex genetic code that God created when He created plants on day three of creation week.

And this genetic code directs the growth of the seed to produce the right kind of plant and the right kind of fruit.

We don’t know exactly how that happens, but we see it happening before our very eyes.

Now scientists are pretty smart, and they can figure things out pretty well, but they have never made a seed that can grow into something you can eat.

They have never come close.

Scientists can put a man on the moon, but they can’t even come close to making a seed.

It was 50 years ago today that Neil Armstrong, an American astronaut, first stepped on the moon.

A lot of scientists worked a lot of hours to get him there and bring him back. But nobody has ever made a seed.

Only God can make seeds. All the food we eat comes from God.

So here’s the fun part of planting seeds in the garden.

The seeds grow, we know not how, and produce a harvest that we can eat and enjoy.

Would you like to see some things that grew in my garden? [Show zucchini and broccoli.]

And the reason that I brought these to church today is so that people can take them home, cook them, eat them, and enjoy them.

Jesus said the kingdom of God is like a seed planted in the ground.

Right now His kingdom is growing and producing Christians like you and me.

And some day soon Jesus is coming back to harvest the produce and take us to live in His kingdom forever.

In the summer, we look forward to enjoying the wonderful food that God has created here on earth.

But we can’t even imagine how much we’re gong to enjoy living with Jesus in His kingdom.

How many want to live in the kingdom of God when Jesus comes back?