



# Bloom Where You're Planted

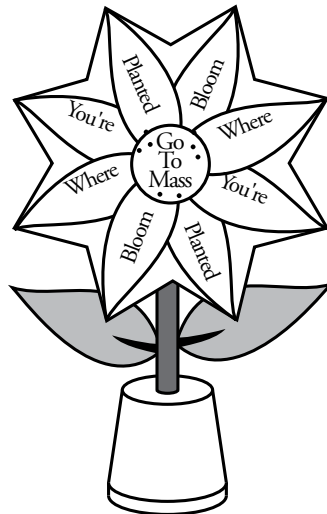
Grades 1–8

## Materials:

4" squares of green construction paper	7" squares of yellow construction paper
Green drinking straw	Glue
Plastic or paper cup	Paper clips
Orange and brown crayons	Pencils
Scissors	

### FAITH CONNECTION

*Talk with the children about what it means when we say that a flower blooms. (It grows.) Explain that, like flowers, we are also called to bloom and grow into followers of Jesus.*



## Directions:

1. Ask the children for words that tell how they can bloom where they're planted and bring Jesus' love to others. Write their words on the board so that the children can select from among them. (Examples: *serve, love, smile, care, pray, give, help, share, work, study, obey.*) Show the children a sample flower.
2. Fold the yellow square as shown in the picture on page 79. Cut the open edge to a point and open the flower.
3. Fold the green square in half, draw a leaf, and cut it out double as shown on page 79.
4. Use a brown crayon to write "I Will" on the center of one side of the flower and "Go to Mass" on the center of the other side.
5. Make brown specks around the writing on both sides of the center to represent a solid circle of seeds.

6. Outline the petals with an orange crayon.
7. Write a word on each petal to tell what you will do to bring Jesus' love to others. Write first in pencil and then go over the writing with orange crayon.
8. Write "Bloom Where You're Planted" twice on the other side of the flower, writing one word on each petal.
9. Glue the flower and leaves to the drinking straw. Glue the leaves about one third of the distance from the end of the stem so that you can place the stem into the cup.
10. Turn the cup over and use the point of a pencil to make a hole in the bottom center of the cup. Push the stem of the flower into the hole so that the flower stands upright. (If the children make the hole too large, place a paper clip in the back of the hole to support the stem.)

