

Children's Sermon for Aug. 25(based on Luke 13:10-17)

Items needed: a pair of green gloves, a bright hat, watering can.

After kids come up, ask for a volunteer. Ask volunteer to put on green gloves and bright hat. Tell kids this is Pat the Plant---green gloves are Pat's leaves, and bright hat is Pat's flower. Ask your volunteer to stand up straight, with hands open wide. This is Pat the plant, happy and healthy. But sometimes, plants do something called, "wilting." Wilting is when parts of a plant start to droop over, because the plant is hurting. Ask volunteer to wilt--hands and head drooping down, back hunched over. A plant can wilt, droop over, like this, when it needs water. Ask for a volunteer to take watering can, and "water" Pat the plant. After volunteer pretends to water Pat the plant, ask Pat to stand up straight, hands open wide, again. See, Pat is happy and healthy again. In today's Bible reading, Jesus meets a woman who, like Pat the plant here, was wilting. The love of Jesus is like our pretend water in our watering can--when Jesus touches this woman with His love, she stands up straight, and talks about how wonderful God is! Sometimes, we also might see people who are wilting, because they are sad or discouraged. When that happens, we can be like the watering can, and give them some love--with a smile, or a hug, to help them stand up straight again.

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