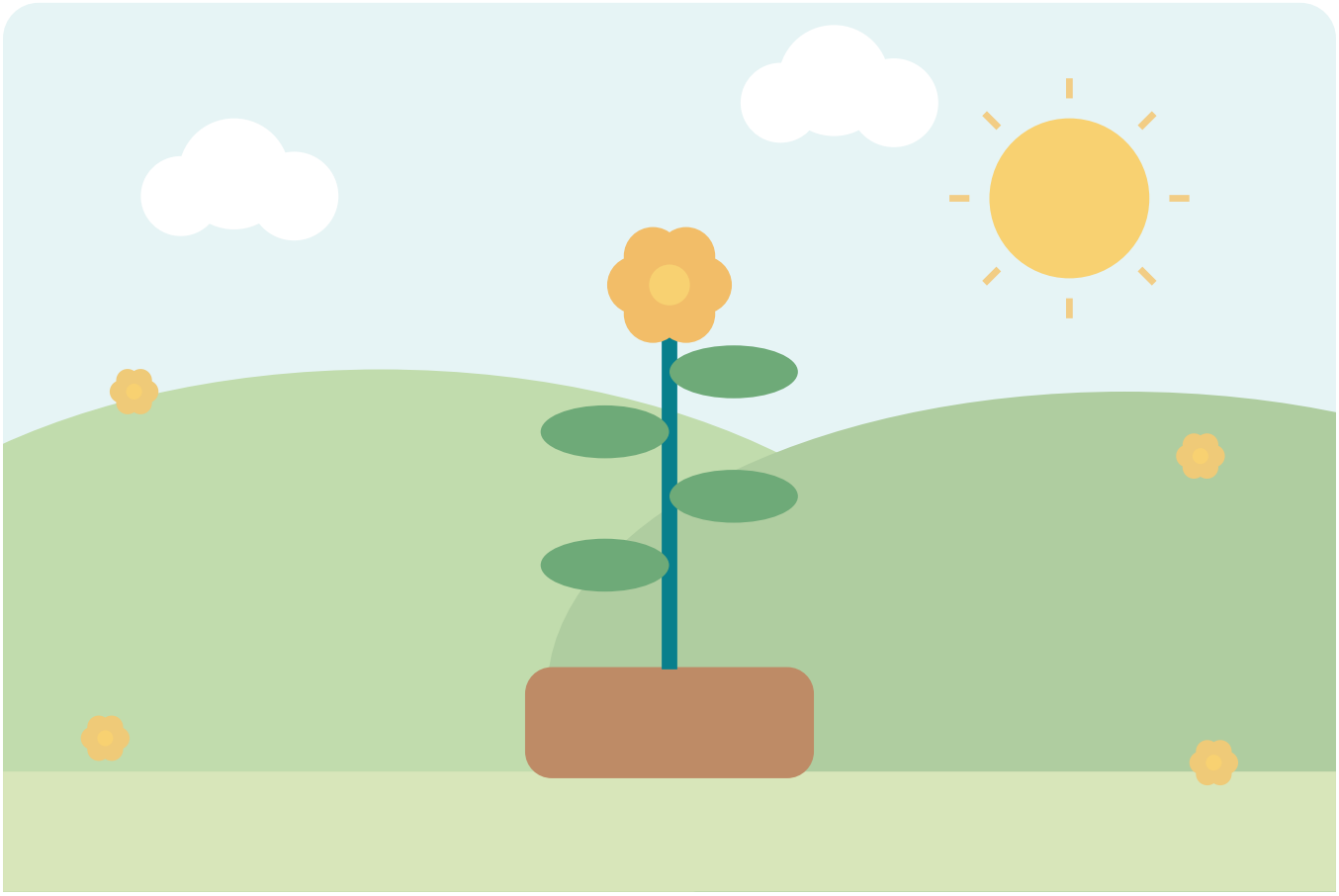
GENESIS TO REVELATION | LETTER LESSON

Growing in Goodness and Love

2 Peter 1:3-11



YOUR BIBLE READING

God-given help supports steady growth that reaches outward in love.

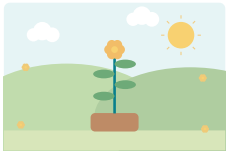
Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Growing from What God Has Given

2 Peter 1:3-11



Second Peter is a letter, and this passage begins with what God provides rather than with a contest over who is strongest. God's power has given what is needed for life and godliness through knowing the one who called believers. Godliness means a life attentive to God. The readers are invited to remember the source of their help before considering the effort and practice that belong to their response.

The letter speaks of precious, great promises. Through them, believers can share in a life shaped by God's nature and escape the corruption caused by harmful desires. This does not mean becoming another god or gaining the right to control other people. It is a picture of receiving God's help toward a changed life, in which what is good becomes more visible than the desires that damage a person and their relationships.

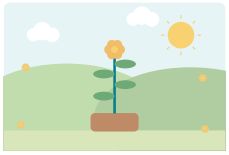
Because of these gifts, the readers are urged to make every effort. Faith is to be joined with goodness, and goodness with knowledge. Goodness is not simply a label worn before anyone sees an action. Knowledge is not merely collecting facts to win an argument. The qualities support a developing life. The letter puts trust, moral care, and understanding together rather than allowing one to become an excuse for neglecting the others.

Knowledge is followed by self-control, perseverance, and godliness. Self-control concerns thoughtful choices instead of being driven by every immediate desire. Perseverance means continuing steadily rather than giving up at the first difficulty. Godliness keeps that effort directed toward God. The list does not describe seven separate adventures or a ladder on which a child earns love. It describes qualities that can grow together as a person responds to the help God has given.

Remember: Let growing understanding become patient, loving action.

EXTENDED ENGLISH READING • PAGE 2 OF 2

Love at the Heart of Continued Growth



2 Peter 1:3-11

The list continues with affection for fellow believers and love. The movement reaches outward toward people, not only inward toward a person's private achievement. Growing in knowledge without growing in care would miss the direction of the passage. These qualities are meant to become plentiful in the readers' lives so that their knowledge of Jesus Christ is active and fruitful, rather than something they claim without letting it shape their choices.

The letter contrasts that growth with forgetting the cleansing of earlier sins. It uses a picture of short sight and blindness for this spiritual forgetting. The picture is not a statement that a person who is physically blind has done wrong. The issue is remembering God's mercy and responding to it. Someone who forgets the gift already received may stop seeing why a changed way of living matters.

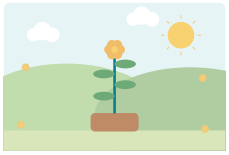
The readers are urged to be diligent about the calling and welcome they have received. They are to keep practicing these qualities as people looking toward the everlasting kingdom of Jesus Christ. The promise of being kept from stumbling belongs to that teaching about faithful life; it is not a guarantee that a person will never trip, struggle with a task, or need help learning after a mistake. The passage concerns a continuing response to God.

Here is an ordinary example to make the qualities concrete, not a scene from the letter. A shared game may require understanding the rules, pausing before an angry response, continuing after a difficult turn, and treating other players with care. Different qualities help one another in the same moment. Growth does not need to announce itself loudly. It can be seen in patient, truthful actions supported by knowledge and completed in love.

Pause and think: Which quality could you practice in one ordinary situation while also receiving help when needed?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Choose One Practice and Keep Learning



The list contains several qualities, but you do not have to turn it into a scorecard against your friends. Pick one that fits a situation before you. If you are learning self-control, you might pause before answering in anger and ask for help finding clear words. A trusted adult can help you choose a practice that is realistic for your age and circumstances.

Perseverance includes receiving support. Continuing with a suitable task may mean taking a rest, trying a different explanation, or accepting help rather than forcing the same attempt. You do not have to remain in an unsafe activity to prove faithfulness. Think about whether your next step supports life and care, not only whether it looks determined to someone watching.

The list ends in love, which helps us notice the purpose of growth. More knowledge or better control should not make us contemptuous of people who struggle differently. You can celebrate progress while staying kind. When you make a mistake, remember mercy, make a suitable repair, and return to the practice. Growth is a direction of life, not a claim that learning is finished.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

God's gifts invite steady growth in goodness, understanding, self-control, perseverance, and love.

Which quality could you practice in one ordinary situation while also receiving help when needed?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What is added alongside faith in the list?

2. Why should these qualities grow?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Remembering mercy supports continued practice and hope in Jesus' kingdom.
- ☐ Believers are urged to grow in qualities that reach toward love.
- ☐ The letter recalls God's power and precious promises.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a growing plant with labels for goodness, understanding, patience, and love in ordinary actions.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Let growing understanding become patient, loving action.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: 2 Peter 1:5-8

A thoughtful conversation

The passage begins with God's provision before calling for effort. Avoid turning the virtue list into a comparison chart or a promise of flawless performance. Its blindness language is a metaphor for spiritual forgetting, never a judgment about disability. Explain perseverance alongside rest, suitable support, and safety, while keeping love as the direction of the growth described.

Activity answers

1. Goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, affection, and love.
2. So knowing Jesus becomes active and fruitful in the way believers live.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help us receive your care and grow patiently in understanding and love. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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