

## WHY DON'T CHILDREN EAT VEGETABLES

It's been a funny mixed week with the weather. But no one can deny that spring is here. With it comes the opportunity of tackling one of those age old parental problems -- how do you get your young child to eat vegetables.

John and I went to town the other day to buy vegetable seeds. The theory is that if John plants his own vegetables that he is likely to eat the produce that he helped to grow. When we got home we got out some ice cream containers and filled them with potting mix. Then we planted the seeds. John had no concept of spacing (he just knew that the seeds had to go in the soil) after a bit of stress for dad we managed to roughly plant according to the instructions. We then watered the soil. John in his enthusiasm wanted to tip a whole watering can over them. (I laughed because I have childhood memories of planting marigolds that never came up because they floated away). Each day we have gone and looked at the progress. The first few days there was seemingly none, but in time the lettuces came through and the beans and courgettes are following.

Now what has this got to do with God? Have you ever thought how much easier it would have been for God if God did not let us take part in the building of the Kingdom of God. I'm sure that there are times when God gets as frustrated with me as I do with John. But in His mercy and love chooses to share creation with us and allows us to take part in it's development etc. Yes there are times when we as individuals and as a church do things in the name of God much like John planting the seeds and God with the love of a father allows us to do them so we can learn and grow.

Just like the seeds there are times when there seems to be no progress and at other times when there is rapid growth. May we enjoy our life and relationship with God as John does with his parents.