

Lent 2  
Week of March 13

## WATCH

Place your Paperwhite (Narcissus) Bulb— In a clear container, like a water glass, or vase, place pebbles, marbles, sand, or soil in the bottom— fill to at least 2 inches. Pour in some water, just to the surface of the filling. Set your bulb on top, pointy end up, add some more pebbles around the base to stabilize but don't cover the bulb. Place it in a cool spot (under 70 degrees) that does not get direct sunlight.  
*Wear gloves or wash hands after handling the bulb. They have a substance that can irritate skin on some people.*

Week 1-2: Watch the roots come down into the water— check it daily, add water if needed.  
*Water should barely touch the bottom of the bulb.*

Wonder: I wonder what is happening inside the bulb?  
I wonder what “awakens” the bulb?

Week 2-3 Watch the top of the bulb. When all of the roots are down, or right when you start to see green on top, carefully move the container and bulb into a place that gets plenty of sunlight, but not too hot, like close to a window.

Wonder: I wonder how the natural light affects different living things?  
I wonder if the bulb has everything it needs?

Week 4-5 Watch the green stems and leaves emerge and grow. Watch for buds to begin to form.  
*If the stems are leaning toward the light, gently turn the bulb so that it will grow straighter. If the stems are getting too tall and skinny, start using a 1:7 solution of 5-10% rubbing alcohol and water. Or stick a wooden skewer or chopstick in next to the stem and gently tie it for support.*

Wonder: I wonder how this bulb became a bulb?  
I wonder what will happen after it blooms?

Week 6+ Happy Easter! Watch the buds open up and bloom! If you move out of direct sunlight and into a cooler shadier spot, the blossoms will last a little longer.  
*Blossoms will die and the green will wilt within a few days or a week's time.*

Wonder: I wonder what I can do with the bulb after?  
I wonder what my favorite part of the bulb's life cycle is?

*Narcissus bulbs won't grow and bloom again inside. In warm climates, sometimes they will come back if planted outside in the ground. However, all parts are compostable, and animals don't eat them. Again, wear gloves when handling the bulb or wash hands after.*

