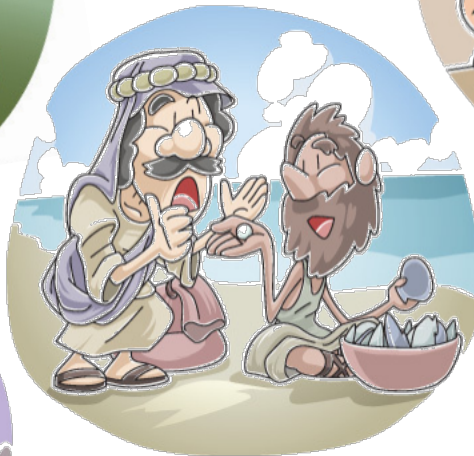


What is God's Kingdom like?

Activity Sheets



Matthew 13:31-33 & 44-52



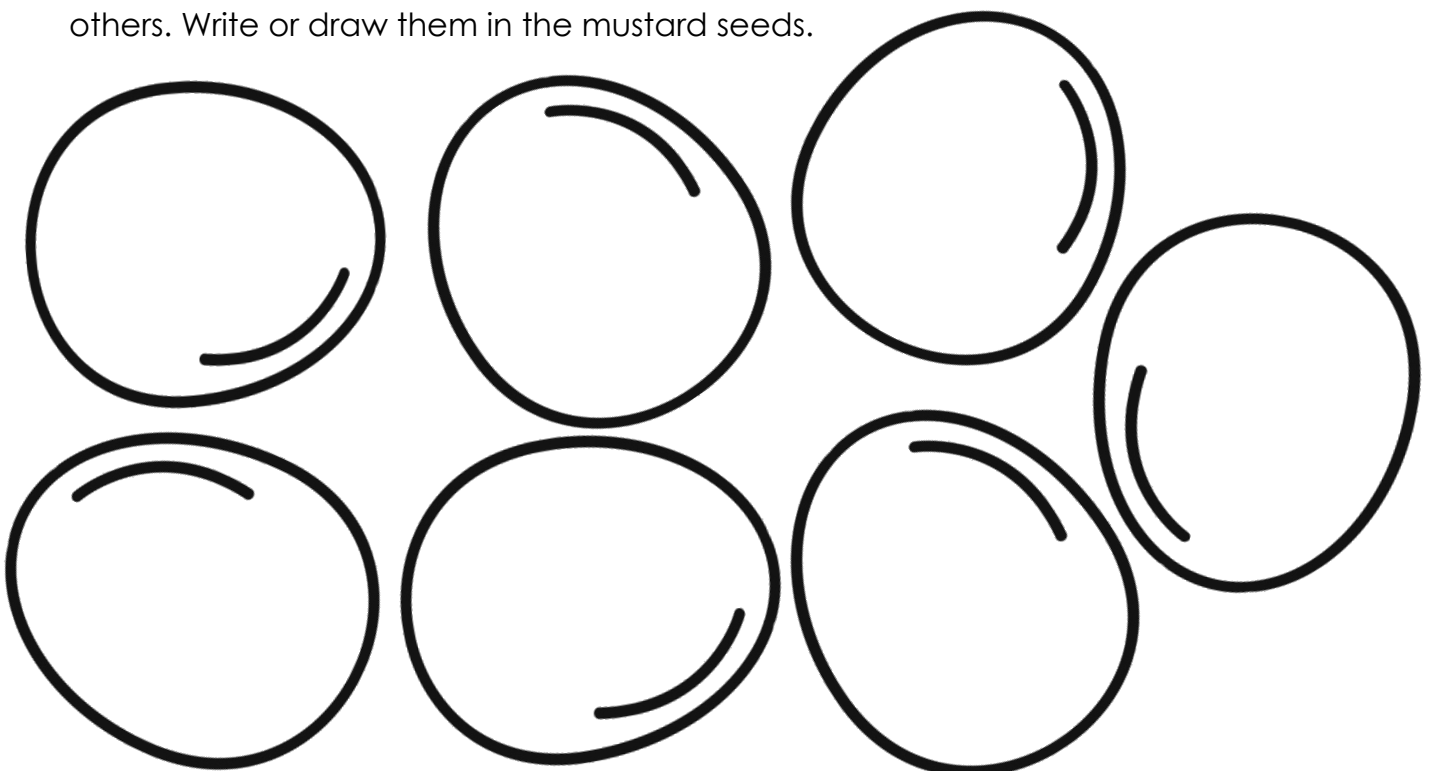
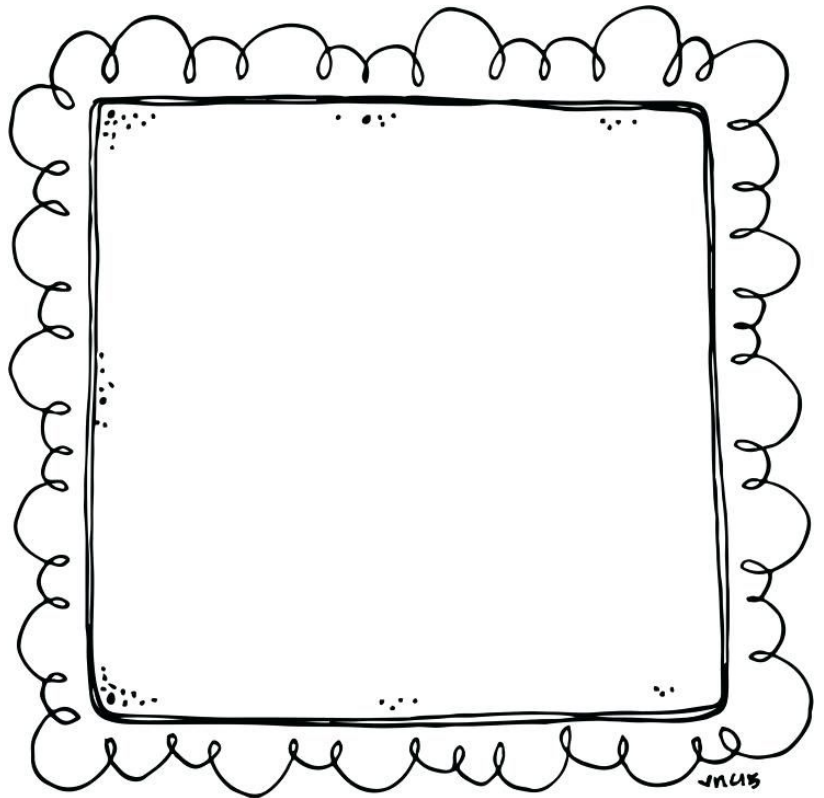
Just for fun

Treasure Hunt.

Have a family treasure hunt. Gather some treasures from around the house, make a list of what they are and then take turns hiding them in the house or garden for everyone else to find. Or make a list of things you know are in the house and have a race to see who can find all the items on the list the quickest.

Think About ...

- ♥ What do you want to be when you "grow up". Draw a picture in the box of yourself doing that thing.
- ♥ How would you serve God in this job?
- ♥ Jesus wants us to tell others all about Jesus. When we do this, he says the kingdom of God grows bigger and bigger.
- ♥ Think about the things you know about God and Jesus that you could share with others. Write or draw them in the mustard seeds.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13: 31–35, Mark 4: 30–34, Luke 13: 18–21



It only takes a tiny bit of faith to start growing the Kingdom of God.



"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Word Search Puzzle

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Use the words below to help you look for hidden words in the word search below. The words may be found up-and down, side-to side, or diagonal.

M	F	X	F	H	Z	N	A	P	A	R	A	B	L	E
R	U	C	A	T	T	Y	N	G	N	D	X	B	E	Q
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O	A	B	L	W	F	A	I	T	H	R	E	I	E	T

Word Bank

MUSTARD

GOD

SEED

FAITH

MARK

GROW

PARABLE

KINGDOM

DISCIPLES

GOSPEL

MATTHEW

BELIEVE

TINY

LUKE

TREE

TEACH

NEW TESTAMENT



Parable

The Mustard-Seed

Help the bird get to the top of the tree.

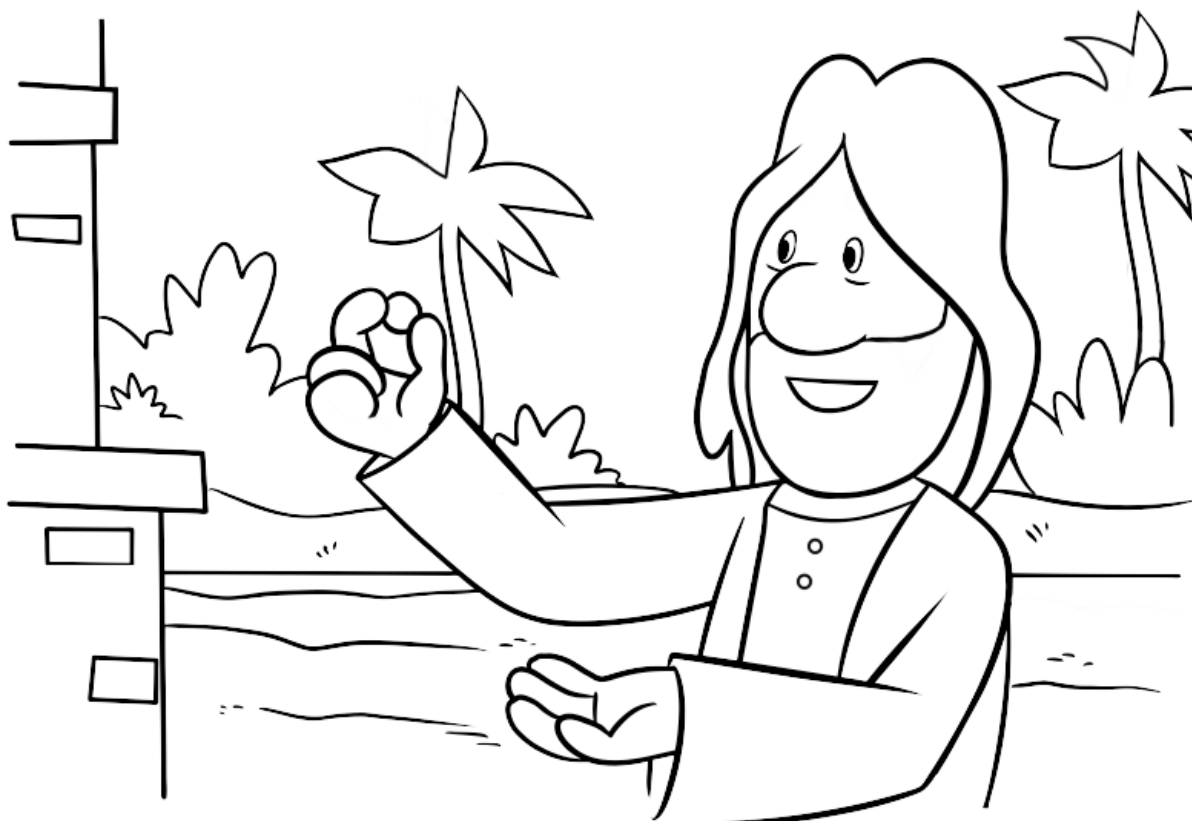
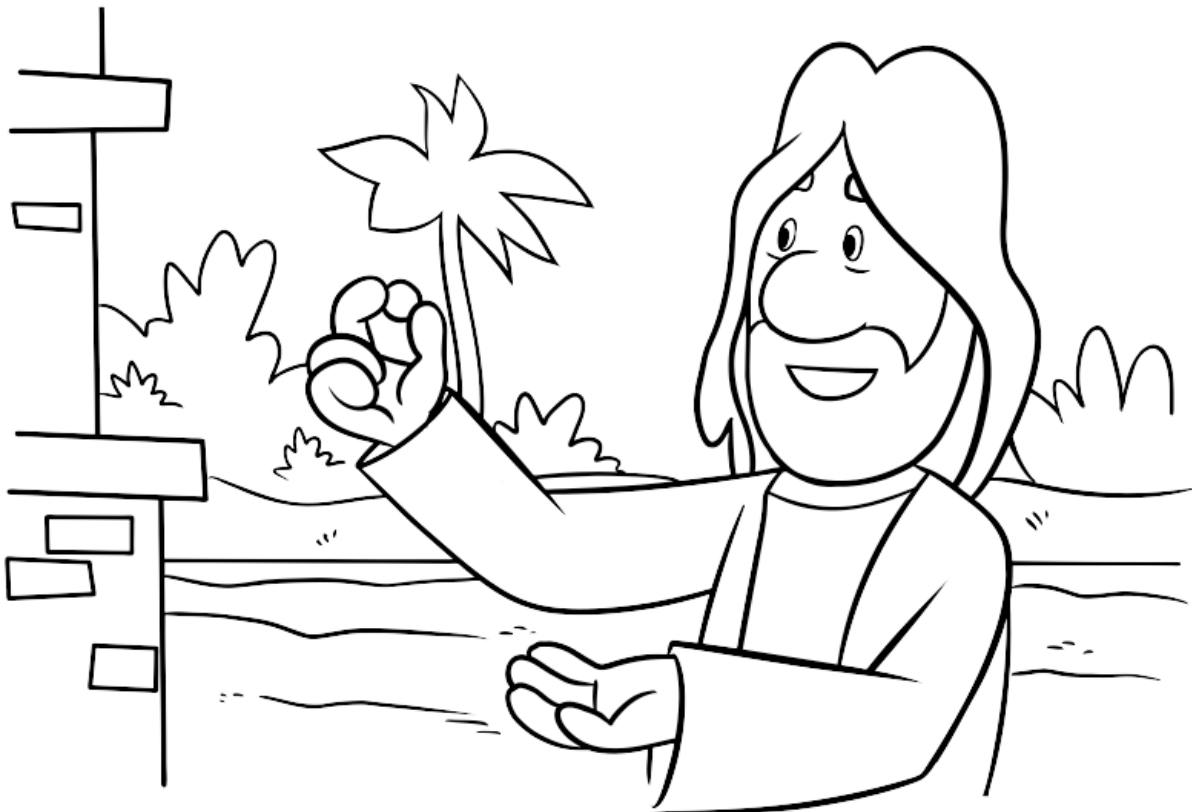


Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like a mustard seed. A mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, but when a man planted that seed in the ground it grew into a great tree. That mustard tree made a safe place for all the birds to come, rest and build nests. Let Jesus plant a seed of love in your heart which can grow and touch others.

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Jesus told parables to teach people about the kingdom of God. He said the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed - it will start small and then grow!
(Matthew 13:31-32)

Can you spot 10 differences in the pictures below?



PRETZEL Craft and Prayer Activity

Easy soft delicious Pretzels . . . remind us of the yeast parable and also of arms crossed in prayer. As you make them and enjoy eating them, why not pray that God's word will spread out across the earth so that everyone can know his love.

Ingredients:

water
instant yeast
milk
salt
sugar
flour



To make:

1. Combine yeast and water in a large mixing bowl. Add milk, salt, and sugar. Stir in the flour to make a stiff dough. Knead on a floured counter a few times. Let the dough rest for about 5 minutes.
2. Roll into ropes and form into pretzel shapes. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet. Brush with milk and sprinkle with salt if desired
3. Bake at 200°C / 400°F for about 15-18 minutes or until lightly browned.

*For traditional pretzels, sprinkle them with coarse salt. Leave them plain or eat them with butter and jam.

Prayer Hands

Look at the fingers on one of your own hands, touch the "little one", the tallest, the index finger and the thumb. Use your fingers to talk to God.

- ♥ Fold your fingers down so only the little finger is pointing upwards. Talk to God about people who are young, small or weak.
- ♥ Hold up the "ring" finger. Talk to God about people we love.
- ♥ Hold up the tall "middle" finger. Ask God to help people who are in charge of things, such as those who make laws and those who keep us safe and well (like police, medical staff and so on).
- ♥ Hold up the index finger so it points the way to go, just as parents, carers, teachers and leaders help to point us in the right way.
- ♥ When you spread out your fingers, the thumb points away from the fingers. Pray for people who are in other countries, for mission partners and for those living in difficult circumstances.

SONG LYRICS

I found a Treasure

Ohhhhhhhhhh x4
I found a treasure,
there's nothing like it in this world
There's nothing greater,
it's all I'll ever need and more
I found a treasure, endless joy
and perfect peace
Sent down from Heaven,
now made alive inside of me
Ohhhhhhhhhh x2

Chorus

**God is good,
and He's good to me
He's all I want and He's all I need
So, I will follow where He leads x2
Ohhhhhhhhhh
Yes, I will follow where He leads
Ohhhhhhhhhh**

There's no one higher,
there's nothing better in this life
Our one true desire,
only Jesus satisfies
Ohhhhhhhhhh x2

Chorus

One thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains

Chorus

**Your love never fails it never gives up
it never runs out on me x3
Your love
On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains
Your love never fails it never gives up
it never runs out on me x3
Your love**

In death in life
I'm confident and covered
by the power of your great love
My debt is paid
there's nothing that can separate
my heart from your great love

Chorus