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The Kingdom of Heaven

1 Kings 3 5-12 Matthew 13 31-33, 44-52

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Matthew 13 v31 (New International Version)

Have you ever made bread using yeast? You need to add a small amount of yeast into the mixture and then leave the dough somewhere warm. After a while the dough will change, it gets much bigger as the yeast gets working. In today's gospel Jesus uses parables to describe what the kingdom of heaven is like. In the first two parables he says it's like something that starts small and gets much bigger, just like when yeast is added to flour to make bread. He also says it is like a tiny mustard seed which is planted in a field that grows into a tree big enough for birds to perch in its branches. In the second two parables he says the kingdom is like something precious such as buried treasure in a field or a beautiful pearl. In these parables people sell everything they have in order to own the treasure or the pearl because they want it so much.

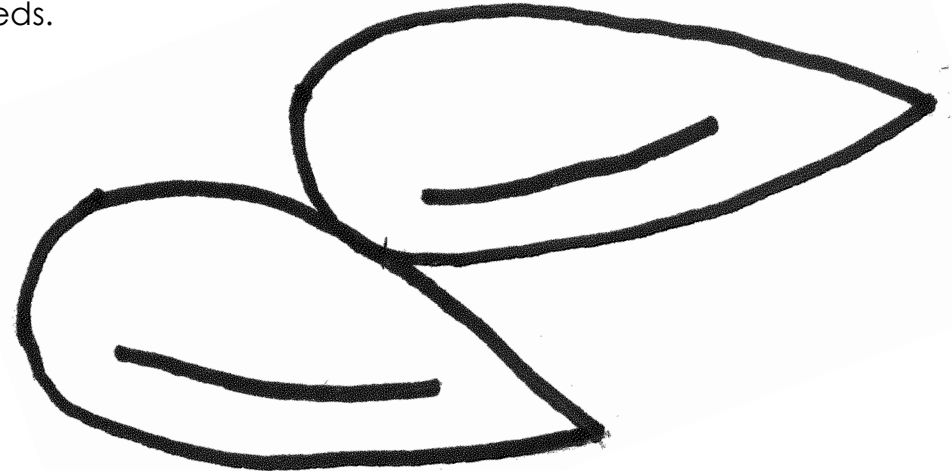
Today's Activities:

- 1) What do you think challenge
- 2) Word search

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The Activities:

Jesus wanted people to understand that the kingdom of heaven might start small but would get bigger as more people started to follow God. How do you think the kingdom of heaven would get bigger? Write or draw your ideas in the seeds.



Find these words from the gospel in the word search

field
flour
hidden
mustard
pearl
seed
sold
treasure
tree
yeast

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