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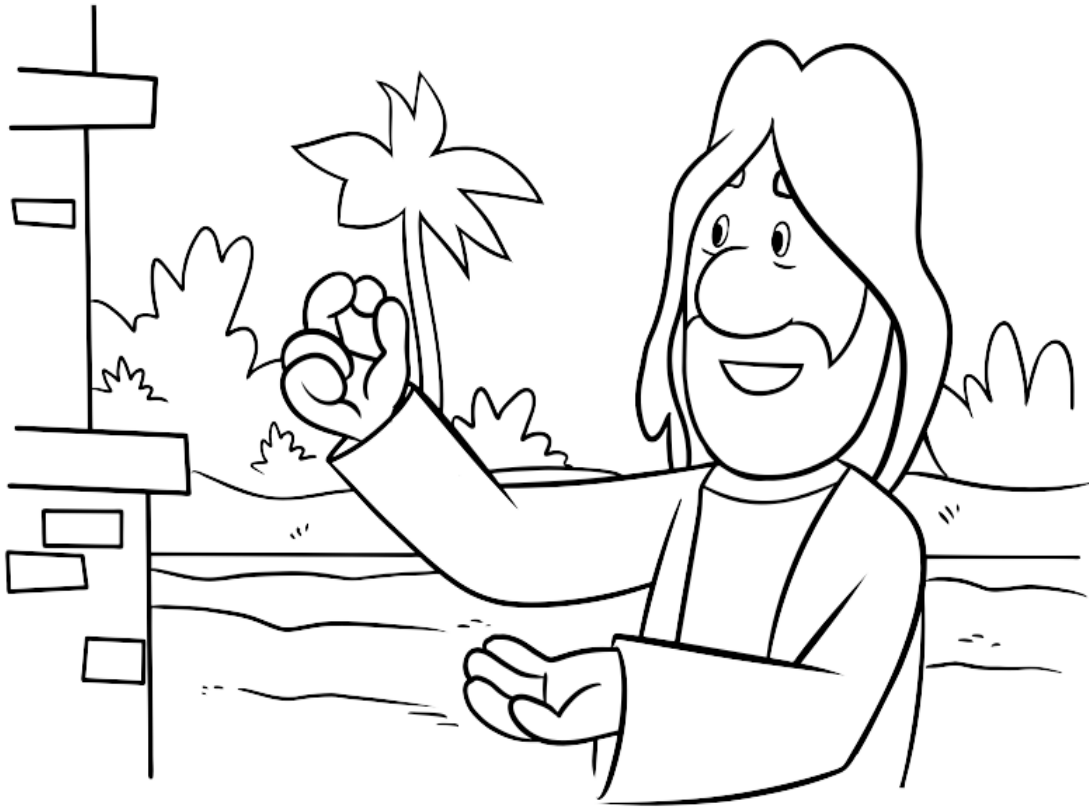
11th Sunday of ordinary time

Young people's activities

Immaculate Conception R.C. Church,

Mark Chapter 4 verses 26 -34

The Parable of the Mustard Seed



Jesus told parables to teach people about the Kingdom of God.
In one famous parable, he said that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed -
it will start small and then grow! (Mark 4:30-32)

Jesus told a parable comparing the mustard seed to the kingdom of God. Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."

Jesus started growing the kingdom of God with a handful of disciples. Every follower of Jesus is a part of the kingdom and that means that you and I are a part of God's kingdom. Each time we tell someone about Jesus, we are helping to grow the kingdom. Isn't it great to know that we can have a part in growing God's kingdom?



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The seed

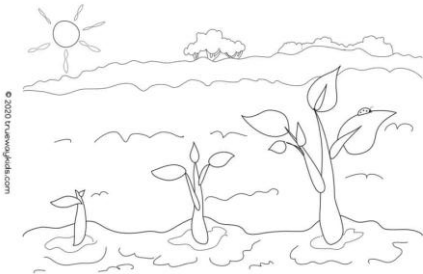
Jesus



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The seed was planted

God sent Jesus to teach us about the kingdom of Heaven



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The seed began to grow

Jesus chose the twelve disciples



Ps 4, 16-34

The seed grew into a tree

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples share the Good News

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



T	E	G	B	W	J	C	D	M	F	A	R	L	Q	Y	O	H	X	Z	U	S	V	P	K	I	N
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 23-11-12-11-4-13-2 _____
- 24-25-26-3-8-16-9 _____
- 9-20-21-1-11-12-8 _____
- 21-2-2-8 _____
- 23-13-11-26-1-2-8 _____
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- 13-11-12-3-2-21-1 _____
- 23-13-11-26-1-21 _____
- 4-25-12-8-21 _____
- 26-2-21-1 _____

PLANTED	MUSTARD	KINGDOM	NEST	PLANTS
SMALLEST	PARABLE	BIRDS	LARGEST	SEED

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The puzzle is based on Mark 4:30-32



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

BIRDS	SHADE	NEST	MUSTARD	BRANCHES
JESUS	GARDEN	PLANTED	LARGEST	PLANTS
STORY	GROUND	SEED	SMALLEST	KINGDOM

Parable

The Mustard-Seed

Help the bird get to the top of the tree.



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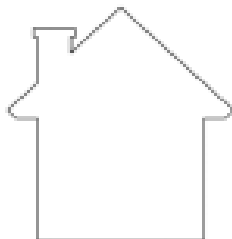
Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like a mustard seed. A mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, but when a man planted that seed in the ground it grew into a great tree. That mustard tree made a safe place for all the birds to come, rest and build nests. Let Jesus plant a seed of love in your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

My Prayers

Write down or draw who and what you would like to pray for next to each of these pictures.



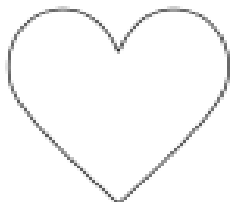
Our World



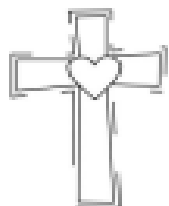
Shelter, Food, Water and Warmth



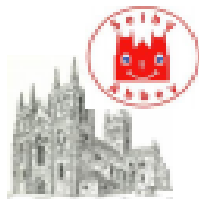
Those who are ill or in need



Those who I love



For myself and for the week ahead



God is with us always and he listens to our prayers. He gives us love, comfort, strength, hope and peace.



- Dear God, help me to be like the mustard seed and for my faith to grow so that I understand about the Kingdom of God and I can help it to grow and flourish in the world. Amen.

The Mustard Seed

Bible Verses: Name:

Create a diagram to retell the parable of the mustard seed.

If this parable was a book, the cover would look like this..

This parable teaches me..

The disciples were followers of Jesus. I follow Jesus by..

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