

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

SUNDAY, 13TH JUNE 2021.

LECTIONARY: YEAR B.

COLOUR: GREEN.

1ST Reading: Ezekiel: 17: 22-24.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians: 5: 6-10.

Gospel: Mark: 4: 26-24.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

‘WHAT SHALL WE SAY THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE?’ asked Jesus. ‘What parable shall we use to explain it: A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade.’

In today's Gospel, Jesus is trying to show what God's kingdom is like. So He tells the people listening to Him stories so that they can try to imagine. We call these stories Parables. We hear about a tiny little seed. But when it is planted it grows into a big bush with branches big enough for all the birds to come and sit in to get out of the sun.

Which seed was Jesus talking about?

That's right a mustard seed.

What is Jesus trying to tell us in this story?

Perhaps it's that the kingdom of God is also growing, just like the mustard seed, so there is room for everyone who wants to be there.

The mustard seed also shows us how size doesn't matter- even the tiniest seed can produce a great big tree. The same is true for us- even the smallest person can do great things. And even the smallest action can have big results .

For example, being kind to someone in the playground and inviting someone to play with you if they look lonely, is just one little thing you can do. It hardly takes any time at all. But to the person who is lonely, it can make a really big difference.

WHAT WILL YOU DO THIS COMING WEEK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU?

Just like a plant grows when it has water, soil, and sunlight, we grow in God when we worship, pray, and talk about the Bible stories.

Even though these might seem like little things to do, if we keep doing them on a regular basis, God's light, and life will grow in us in a big way.

And if we are filled with God's love, light, and life, that means we have God's love, light, and life to share with the people around us.

FAMILY PRAYER.

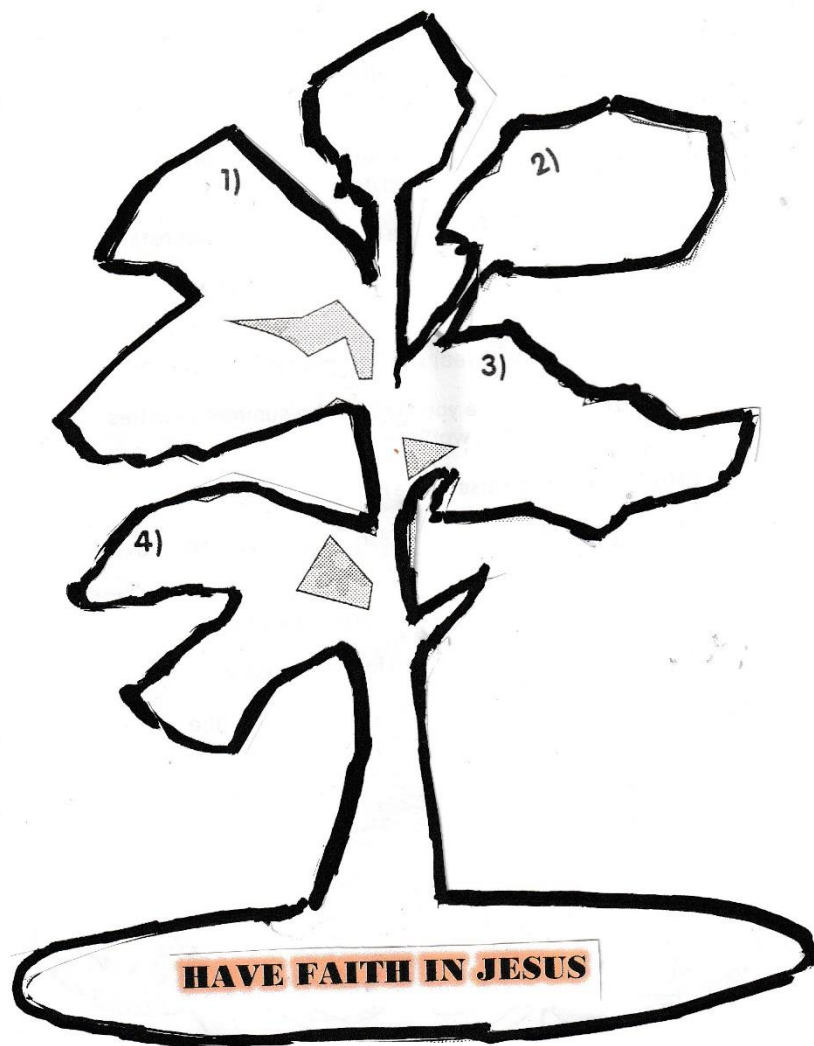
Dear God, thank you for Jesus, who teaches us, how to grow in you, so that we can share, your love, light, and life with others. Amen.

FAMILY ACTIVITY. Place a mustard seed in a small pot or jar filled with dirt.

Place in your kitchen window or in a place where it will get sunshine. Let your children water the plant from time to time to remind them of the parable. You can buy mustard seed in the spices section in your grocery store.

ACTIVITY SUGGESTION FOR OLDER CHILDREN.

COLOUR IN THE ILLUSTRATION BELOW, AND ON EACH LEAF WRITE THE SMALL ACTIONS THAT YOU WILL DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS.



MUSTARD SEED ACTIVITY.

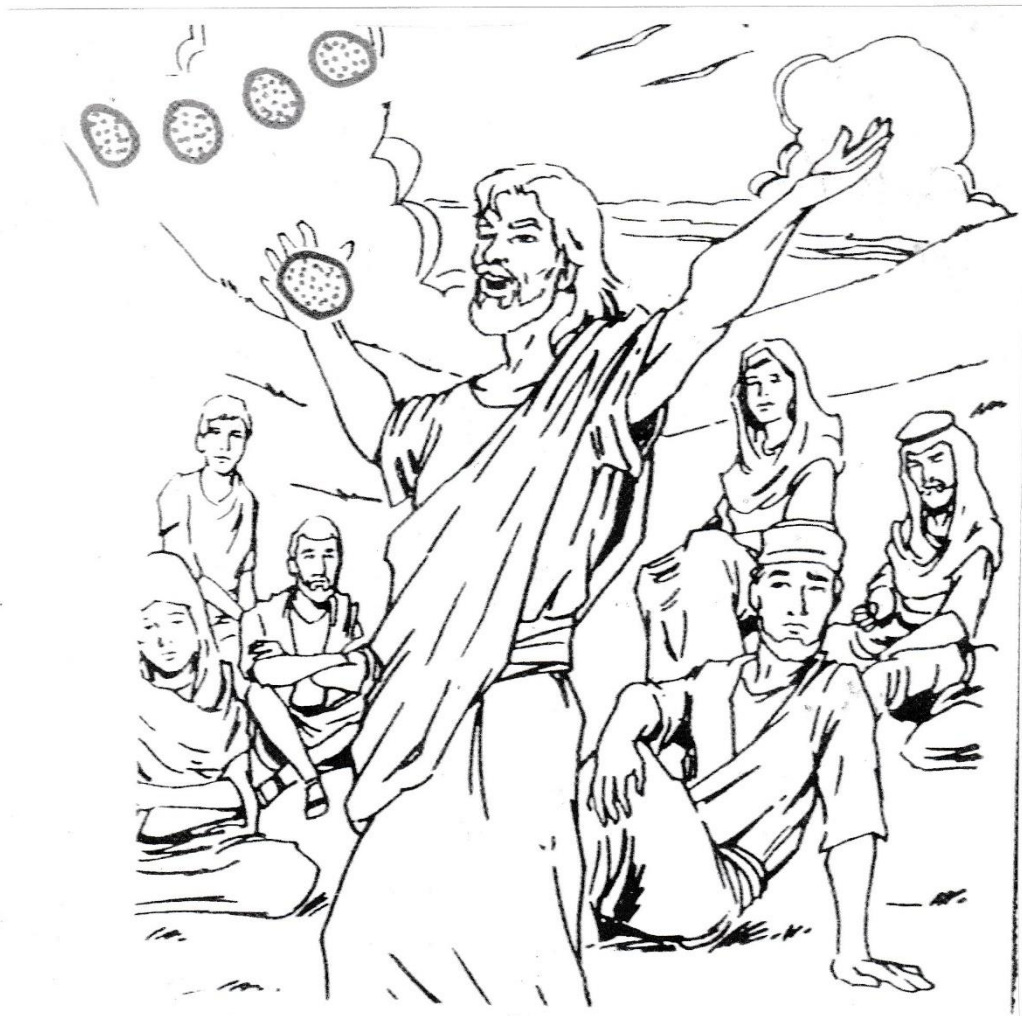


How many mustard seeds can you find in the tree?

How many words can you make out of the word Mustard Seed?

Colour in the tree.

COLOURING PAGE FOR YOUNGER KIDS.



JESUS HELP ME TO
GROW TO BE LIKE YOU!

