

Welcome to SMPC Kids Corner!

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

# FAITH LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

Matthew 13:24-43



**Key Verse:**

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.  
Matthew 13:34

**The Point:**

In the kingdom of God, things that seem small can be powerful.

**Making Connections:**

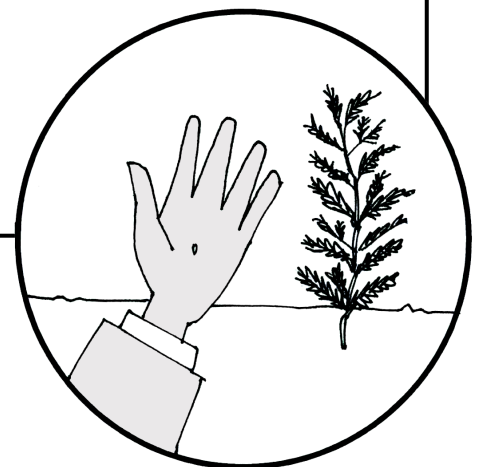
God's Power

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

Parables

**Spiritual Practice:**

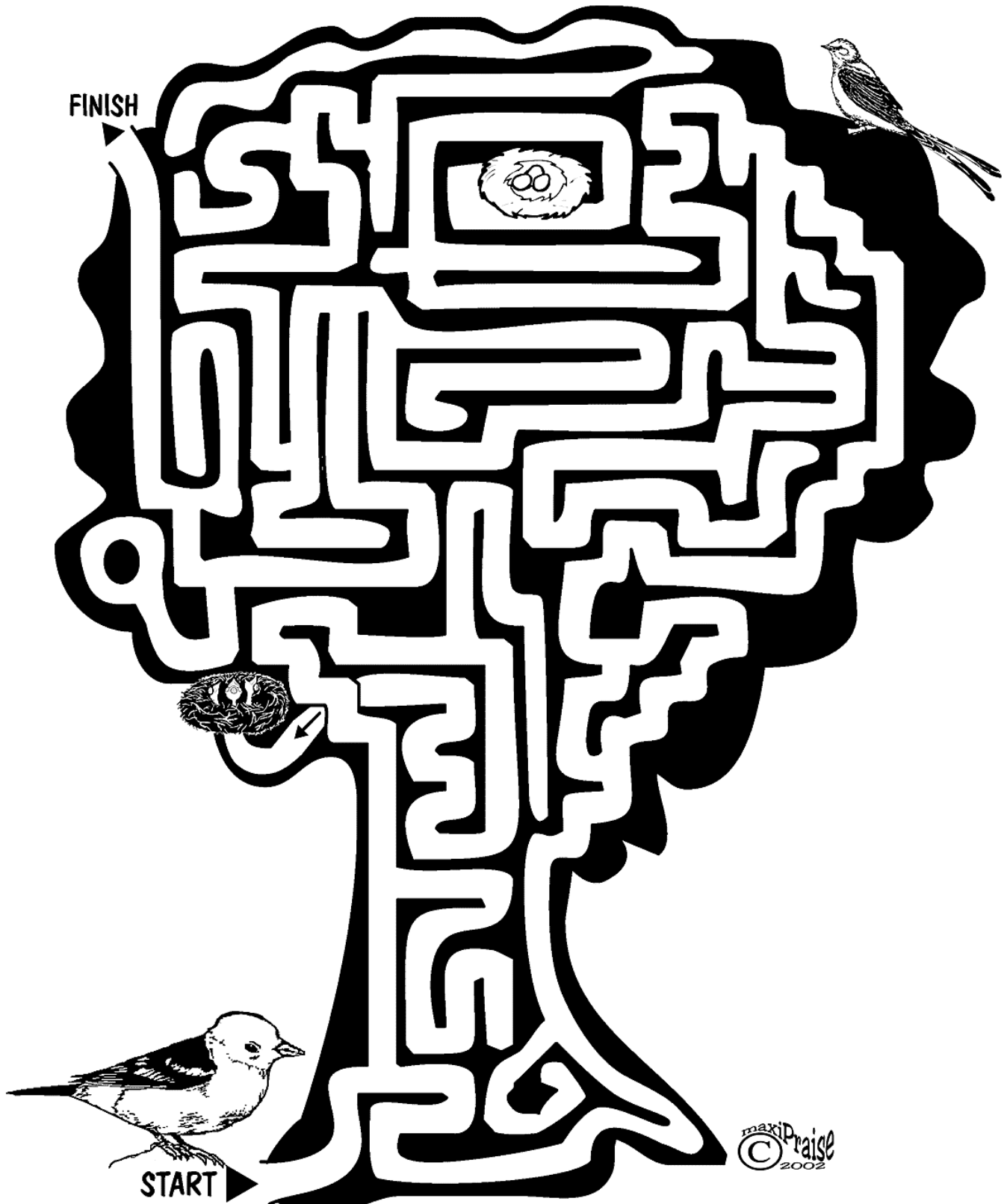
Worship



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.

# The Parable of the Weeds

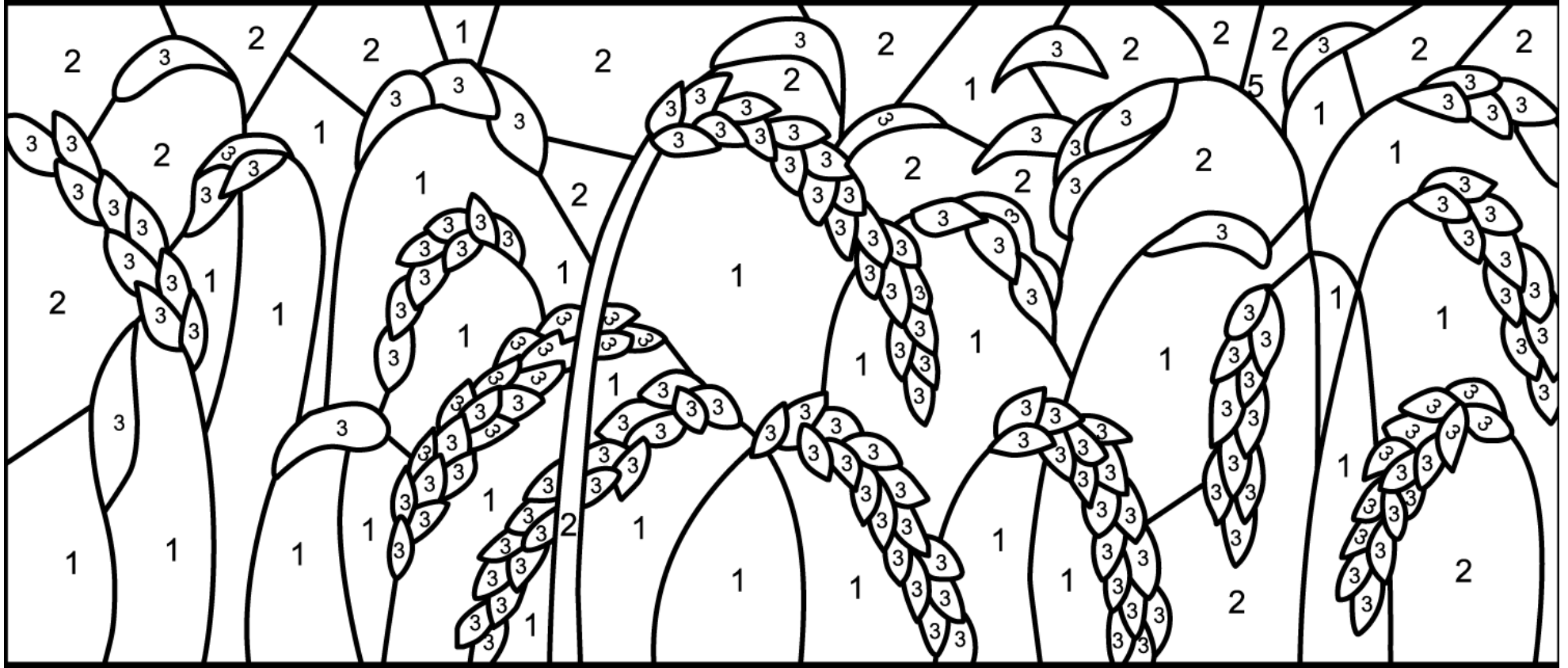
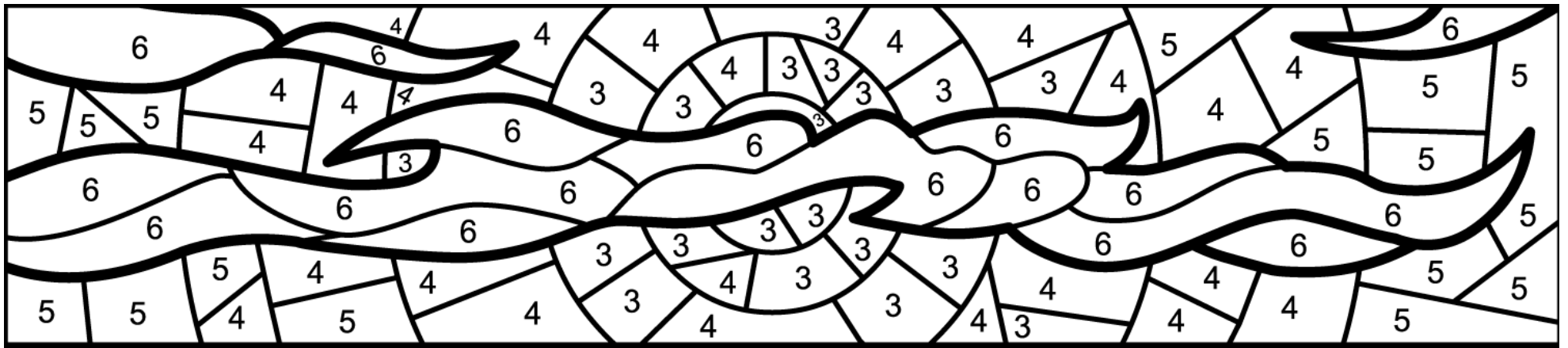
When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

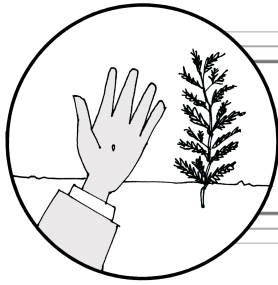
The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:24-29



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SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS





# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
3RD-6TH**

**NL**

**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2022-2023)

**Lesson #1-21**  
Matthew 13:24-43

## LAST WEEK

The Sermon on the Mount concludes with a series of sayings about the daily life of those in a Christian community (Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29).

## THIS WEEK

Jesus tells parables that offer insight into the presence of God's kingdom even in the midst of difficulties (Matthew 13:24-43).

## STORY SUMMARY

In today's first parable, Jesus tells of a farmer who plants seed in his field. When weeds appear, the farmer tells his hired hands to let the two crops grow alongside one another until it is time for the harvest, when they will be separated. Jesus then goes on to speak of a mustard seed. With care, even the smallest seed can grow into a mighty plant. Jesus uses these parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven.

## PRACTICE WORSHIP

Just like the seasons of the calendar year, our churches have seasons as well. These seasons are marked by different holidays and often represented with different colors. Ritual, change, and pattern are a part of nature and a part of the pattern of life together in the church. List some of your family rituals and traditions. What new traditions would you like to start? Commit to one new tradition or ritual.

## THE POINT

In the kingdom of God, things that seem small can be powerful.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *Parables*

Parables in general, and these "kingdom" parables in particular, use imagery from daily life, but have unexpected elements that upset common sense. They often exaggerate on purpose to push the audience into a different perspective on God's activity in the world or on the coming of the kingdom. In the logic of the parable, we are forced to accept that God might not work according to human plans. Jesus' parables often do not have a clear moral ending, leaving him to explain the story to his baffled listeners, challenging them to behave in new and unexpected ways.

## NEXT WEEK

Jesus is transfigured on a mountaintop, revealing more fully the glory of God and foreshadowing the full glory that will be revealed in the resurrection (Matthew 16:24-17:8).

### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about God's Power?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read Matthew 13:24-43**

Faith like a mustard seed.

Pass around a seed. Share how this is like your own faith.

#### **Monday—Read Matthew 9:18-26**

Healing a woman and a girl.

The woman who was healed in verse 20 simply touched Jesus' cloak and was healed. In what ways do we try to make the miracles of Jesus more difficult than they really are?

#### **Tuesday—Read Matthew 9:27-38**

Traveling, teaching, healing.

What would it have been like to follow Jesus during this time of healing and teaching? Describe what you would have been thinking.

#### **Wednesday—Read Matthew 10:1-23**

Sending out the disciples.

Jesus sent the disciples out with power and authority to heal and preach. In what ways can we, as sent disciples, also bring healing those who are hurting?

#### **Thursday—Read Matthew 10:32-42**

Living in the world.

Share a cup of water with one another and remind them that "You are welcome here."

#### **Friday—Read Matthew 11:1-19**

John the Baptist.

Compare this version of John the Baptist with the one found in Luke 7:17-35 and John 3:22-36.

#### **Saturday—Read Matthew 12:1-14**

Sabbath controversies.

Jesus is making the point that caring for people is more important than following rules. In what ways does this hold true today?