

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why is God's kingdom so valuable?
- How is God's kingdom different than the world?
- What does your family value most? How do you know?

Kingdom Parables

Matthew 13

STORY POINT: GOD'S GROWING KINGDOM IS MORE VALUABLE THAN ANYTHING.

Jesus told the people parables to teach them about the kingdom of God.

Jesus told a parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man planted in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it grows taller than the garden plants. It becomes a tree, and the birds come and build nests in its branches."

Jesus continued, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, or yeast, that a woman mixed into fifty pounds of flour. The leaven makes the dough rise."

Jesus told another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure, buried in a field, that a man found. He reburied it, and then he joyfully sold everything he had and bought that field."

Then Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one priceless pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it."













When Jesus finished teaching the crowds, He left that place and went to Nazareth.




















Christ Connection: The kingdom of God is growing in the world. This kingdom is valuable and worth giving everything for. While we wait for Jesus to return and fully set up His kingdom, we carry out the mission of telling others about King Jesus, who rescues sinners.

The Kingdom Is Like ...

What did Jesus say the kingdom of God is like? Use the key to decode each description.

KEY			
	=A		=P
	=D		=R
	=E		=S
	=L		=T
	=M		=U
	=N		=V

... a            ...      

... a         ... a merchant looking for fine      

Parable Pairs

For each set of parables, write what the stories teach about the kingdom of God.



Blank space for writing the meaning of the first two parables.

Blank space for writing the meaning of the last two parables.

Growing Up

INSTRUCTIONS: Mark each picture with a letter and number to indicate the group and order in which it belongs.
Hint: The stages of the plant are group *A*, the person group *B*, the duck group *C*, and the butterfly group *D*.

























BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus used stories to help people understand what the kingdom of God is like.
- God's kingdom is like a mustard seed, which starts small but grows.
- God's kingdom is like a buried treasure, more valuable than anything else.
- God's growing kingdom is more valuable than anything.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:13-14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over His creation according to His perfect plan.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What might we have to give up to gain God's kingdom?
- How can we help God's kingdom grow?
- Whom can we tell about God's kingdom?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your family to plant an indoor herb garden. Assign your kids daily tending tasks. Discuss how God's kingdom is like a seed.



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