

## 19<sup>th</sup> July: The kingdom of heaven is like...

All the content below is for you to make your own, please do read through it, pick what would work best for your children and would best engage them.

Rest assured of our prayers for your family and you this coming week!

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### *We gather*

In the Gospel, St. Matthew recounts parables told by Jesus to help us understand.

Today the Gospel is a parable about what the Kingdom of Heaven is like.

Listen carefully to the Gospel and find out how from something small – something amazing can happen.

### *We listen*

#### The Gospel

There are some choices about how to listen to the Gospel together.

- You can watch the video of Kathryn reading the story
- One person can read the whole story on the sheet or from your own bible or missal

Before we listen to the Gospel -celebrate its message by singing

The Gloria and Alleluia –

*This Gloria can be sung to the tune (Oh we can play the big bass drum)*

*Oh, we can give glory to the Lord*

*And this is the way we do it:*



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*Clap, clap, clap with our hands, praise God*  
*And that's the way we do it*  
*Oh, we can give glory to God*  
*And this is the way we do it:*  
*Stamp, stamp, stamp with our feet, praise God*  
*And that's the way we do it.*

This acclamation can be sung to the tune “*Twinkle Twinkle, little star*”

*Listen, listen to God's Word*  
*God is speaking, He is near.*  
*Alleluia sing his praise.*  
*Alleluia, hearts we raise.*  
*Fill us; fill us, with your love.*  
*Alleluia, Risen Lord!*  
*(From The Liturgy of the Word by Katie Thompson)*

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:31-33**

**Jesus told them another parable: “The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches.”**

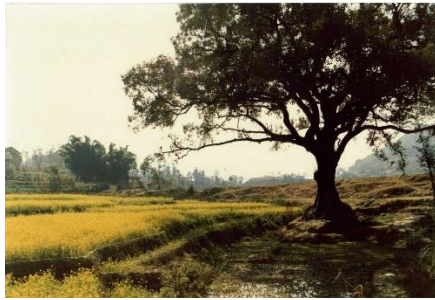
*The Gospel of the Lord*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

***(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)***

## ***We reflect***

- ✚ Why do you think Jesus tells us stories or parables rather than just saying exactly what God's Kingdom is like, or exactly what it is he wants us to do?
- ✚ What does this parable tell us about God's Kingdom? Jesus wanted us to understand that although something may seem small and unimportant it can become something big and very important. Jesus began with only a few disciples/ followers and from these small beginnings there are now Christians throughout the world.
- ✚ (A small mustard seed grows into a tree that can be between 2 metres to 6 metres tall and 6 metres wide!!)

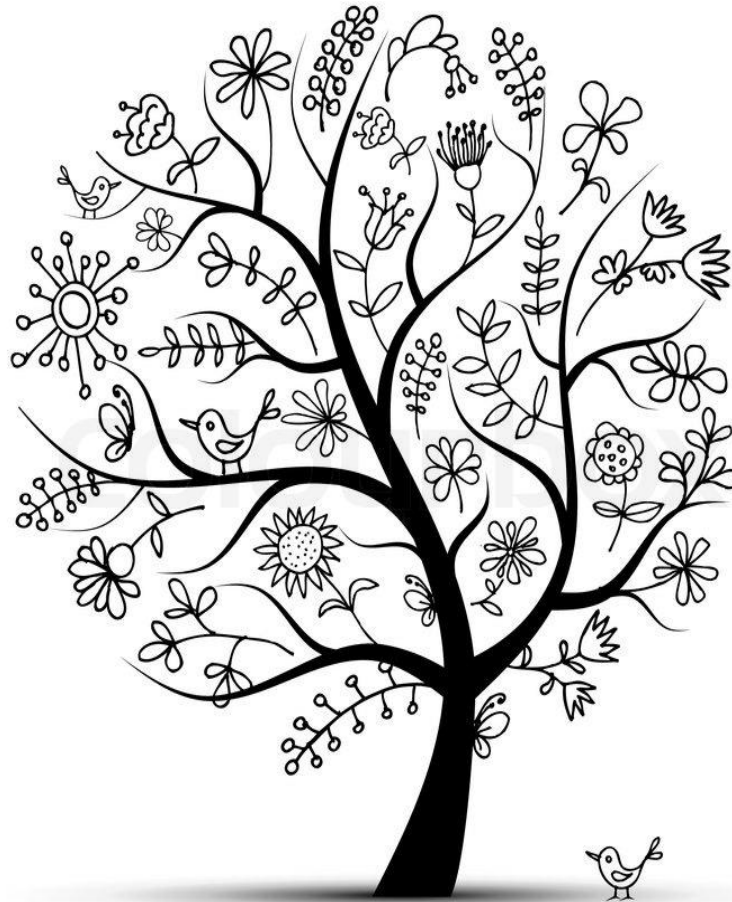


- ✚ ***What small things can you do to build the Kingdom? E.g. an act of kindness, a message of love to someone who is sad or lonely, forgiving someone who has hurt or upset you .... Can you think of 5 small things to do this week that builds God's Kingdom – Draw a beautiful tree with birds in it – write up the***

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*trunk the 5 things you will do and tick them off when you do it-*



*Its your Kingdom of Heaven Challenge!*

End this time by praying:

**For the Church throughout the world: may God's Kingdom grow in our daily lives.**

**Lord, in your mercy... Lord Hear our Prayer**

**For ourselves and our families: that our actions will build the Kingdom and spread forgiveness, understanding and peace**

**Lord, in your mercy... Lord Hear our Prayer**

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For those who are worried, anxious, and ill that they will be comforted by Gods abiding love and care

Lord, in your mercy... Lord Hear our Prayer

*Loving Father, fill us with your love*

*so that your kingdom will grow in us and through us.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## *We go forth*

*The following are some activities you can try at home to respond to the Gospel:*

- *Use Lego and build a mustard seed- can you put birds in the tree and show the small mustard seed like the picture below:*



- **The Kingdom of Heaven Challenge- in 5 small actions – see last section of We respond above**
- **Watch and join in with singing the worship song “We are kids of the Kingdom” .... at:**  
[https://youtu.be/xN5Av\\_QMh8g](https://youtu.be/xN5Av_QMh8g)
- **Worksheet to print and colour can be found at:**  
<https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/736x/8c/6f/b8/8c6fb86116d1da7c7e0799f2a2bf1312.jpg>



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- CAFOD is encouraging young people to be part of a Summer of Hope- to be courageous – stand up and help others- For more information click the link <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/School-fundraising/Summer-of-Hope>
- And watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OX2dKsd5V4> to be inspired to build the kingdom.