

## The Parable of the Mustard Seed and The Parable of the Yeast

Get your Bibles and please turn to Luke 13:18-21.

Jesus spoke of God's kingdom as being present on earth now. Jesus encouraged his followers-that's us, too-to bring about God's kingdom here on earth. The kingdom of God is present anytime and anywhere God's followers are doing God's work and living in community the way God wants us to live.

Jesus compared God's kingdom to a mustard seed. Mustard seeds are very tiny. Yet when planted, a mustard seed can grow into a large tree-like bush. Some mustard trees are taller than people, yet they start from a seed so small it could easily get lost.

Next, Jesus compared the kingdom of God to yeast. Bakers know the power of yeast. Although yeast is small, it causes bread dough to rise. Just a tiny bit affects a whole batch of dough. If left unchecked, the dough will continue to rise and grow many times its original size.

God's kingdom is present all around us. AS we learn from the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, even small things can have a large effect. When we follow Jesus' teachings and live the way God wants us to live, great and amazing things can happen. God can turn our small efforts into magnificent results. God's kingdom is here and now.

Read the scriptures.

As we read our Bibles let's look at scripture on 3 levels-our heads (details of the verse), our hearts (prayerfully considering what the verse says to us and how we can apply it to our life) and our hands (how we can take the verse and examples of how we can become the hands and feet of Jesus on earth).

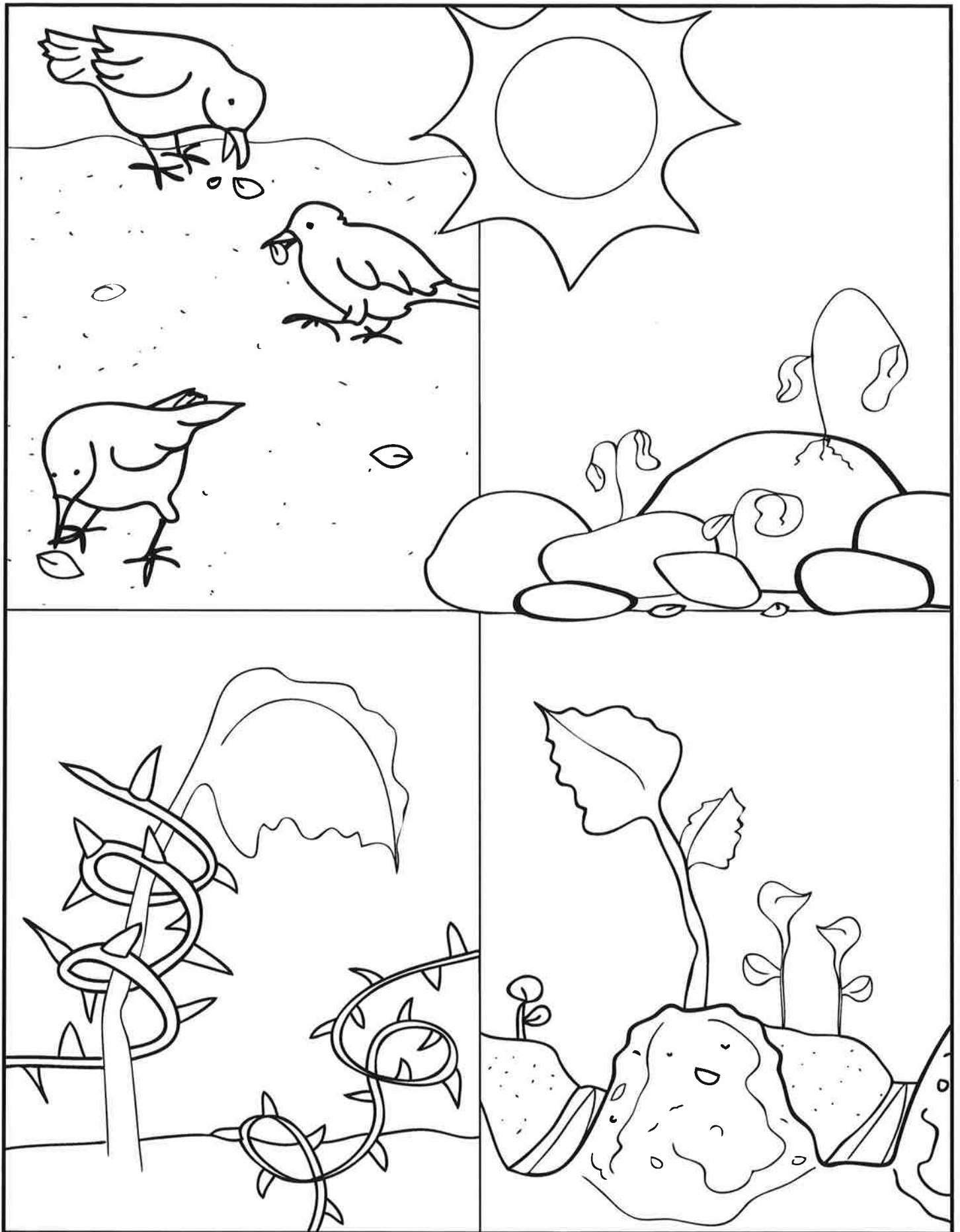
Questions to answer (using our heads!!!!).....what are the facts in this Bible story?

Questions to answer (using our hearts!!!!).....1) What can you take from this Bible story and apply to your life? 2) What lessons do you see from these verses?

Questions to answer (using our hands!!!!).....How can these Bible verses go from your heart to your hands? Share some examples of being the hands and feet of Jesus from these verses.

What small things can we do??!!!!

Close with a prayer.....ask if anyone has any prayer requests. Hold hands and let whoever wants to pray out loud pray and have someone designated to close the prayer. Praying together as a family is an AMAZING GIFT to all!!



The Parable of The Sower and the Seed

# A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-10 (NIV).



Mustard Seed  
Faith

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

DRINK	SEA	DUTY	OBEY	APOSTLES
FAITH	EAT	INCREASE	PLANTED	SMALL
SERVANT	LORD	UPROOTED	MUSTARD	PREPARE
SEED	REPLIED	TREE	MULBERRY	SUPPER