

# Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

## Preschool Sunday School Material for July 26, 2020

Dear Preschool Parents,

The Preschool Sunday School lesson for Sunday, July 26 focuses on two parables Jesus used to teach his disciples that small acts can lead to big results from Exodus 13:18-8:21. *(Main point to take away – God’s kingdom is like a mustard seed – small things can have a big effect. Question – What small thing can you do?)*

Use the information below to share the story together and do follow up activities with your child(ren). As you share the story, also have a Bible available and show your child(ren) where it is located.

### Center yourself for your time together by singing:

#### Time to Get Together

*(Tune: The More We Get Together)*

It’s time to get together, together, together.

It’s time to get together and listen right now.

‘Cause we’ll hear a story that’s found in the Bible.

It’s time to get together and listen right now.

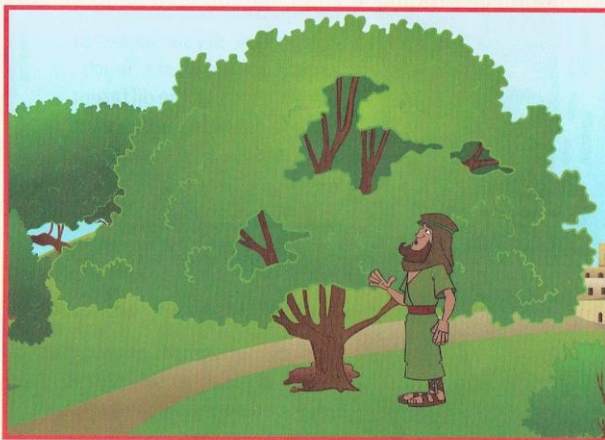
### Read the Bible story together (Communities Grow):



## Communities Grow

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.  
(Joshua 1:9)

### Read the Bible Story Together: Follow the Suggested Motions



Based on  
Luke 13:18-21

Jesus told two stories about God’s love and kingdom.

*(Hold up two fingers.)*

**“This is a tiny mustard seed. (Hold up pinkie finger.) It starts out very small. Soon, it grows bigger (Add the ring finger.) and bigger (Add the middle finger.), until it is very tall. (Jump up and stretch your hand up high.)**

**“This is a tiny bit of yeast. (Hold up pinkie finger.) It starts out very small. Soon, it grows bigger (Add the ring finger.) and bigger (Add the middle finger.), until it is very round. (Make your hands into a big circle.)**

**“The kingdom of God is just like that. It starts out very small. (Hold up pinkie finger.) Soon, it grows bigger (Add the ring finger.) and bigger (Add the middle finger.), until it is very wide.” (Hold arms wide open.)**

**Our love for God is like that too. It starts out very small. (Hold up pinkie finger.) Soon, it grows bigger (Add the ring finger.) and bigger (Add the middle finger.), until it fills us up. (Hug yourself.)**

## **Follow-Up Activities:**

### **Discussion:**

**Say:** Jesus used stories, called parables, to teach people things. The story we hear today tells us about God's love and kingdom.

**Ask:** What did Jesus use to teach his friends what God's kingdom is like? *(Mustard seed and yeast)* Those things are pretty small but grow to be great things.

**Have you ever thought you were too small to do God's work?** *(Allow child to respond)*  
Jesus wanted his friends to know that no matter how small or how big you are, we are all able to do something that together becomes really big things. We can all do something that helps God's kingdom grow. Can you think of something you can do to help God's kingdom grow? *(Allow child to respond)*

**Curriculum Video:** (This week's lesson will be E8: Communities Grow)

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/35799-deep-blue-connects-adventure-summer-2020/35802-lessons/114912-communities-live-together>

### **Songs:**

#### **Jesus Told a Story**

*(Tune: she'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain)*

O-o, Jesus told a story about love.

O-o, Jesus told a story about love.

Give your friends a helping hand;  
love God all you can.

O-o, Jesus told a story about love.

O-o, Jesus told his people to forgive.

O-o, Jesus told his people to forgive.

Listen and forgive,

That's how God wants us to live.

O-o, Jesus told his people to forgive.

O-o, Jesus told of helping one another.

O-o, Jesus told of helping one another.

If God's helpers we would be,

We'll help those we see in need.

O-o, Jesus told of helping one another.

O-o, Jesus told a story about prayer.

O-o, Jesus told a story about prayer.

Take time every day

To turn to God and pray.

O-o, Jesus told a story about prayer.

#### **Love, Love, Love is Good**

*(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)*

Love, love, love is good

Loving everyone!

Love, love, love is good

It comes from God above.

#### **I Am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N**

I am a C

I am a C-H

I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

And I have C-H-R-I-S-T

In my H-E-A-R-T

And I will L-O-V-E

Love Him all the T-I-M-E

Time

## Finger Plays & Action Rhymes:

### TWO EYES TO SEE

Two eyes that see good things to do,

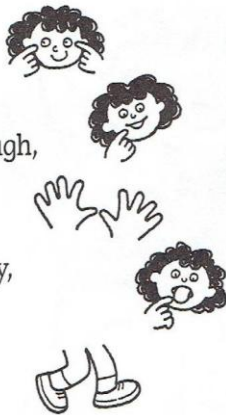
Two lips that smile the whole day through,

Two hands that put the toys away,

A tongue that says kind words each day,

Two feet that run to help someone

Make happy times for everyone.



#### **INSTANT SONG:**

Sing to the tune of "Mulberry Bush."

### BECAUSE I LOVE THE LORD

My feet run to quickly help,

My hands can lift and hold,

My eyes see ways I can help,

Because I love the Lord.



## Paper Craft Activities:

- **A Tiny Seed** – Print off the paper craft activity (*second to last page*). Have your child(ren) draw birds or other animals that might find refuge in the big tree. Tape a small seed (*perhaps a mustard seed if you have one*) in the roots of the tree. Say: Jesus taught his friends that a small seed would grow to be a big tree. He wanted them to know that the small things they do to help others help God's kingdom grow and grow and grow!
- **What Shall I Grow Coloring sheet** (*See the last page for this color sheet.*) – Print sheet, find and circle the small seed that grew to be the big tree, and color the picture.

## Game Activity:

Say: Let's pretend we are mustard seeds. Do the actions in the rhyme until I say, "Mustard seeds," then you must freeze.

Say: Hop and pop as much as you please (*pause*), but you must stop when I say, "Mustard seeds!"

Twist and turn as much as you please (*pause*), but you must stop when I say, "Mustard seeds!"

Wiggle and jiggle as much as you please (*pause*), but you must stop when I say, "Mustard seeds!"

## Blessing and Prayer Time:

**Blessing:** Have your child hold out their hand and trace a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following; (*You can also use something like lip balm, soap, lotion, etc. to draw a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following blessing.*)

Say: \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name), **may you always help grow God's kingdom.**

**Prayer:** (It might be something like)

**Dear God, thank you for knowing how much I can do, even when I am small. Amen.**



## Faith Family Follow-Up activities to use through the week:

### DEEP BLUE CONNECT **Loving God, 8** SESSION **Loving Neighbor**

## Faith Family Activities



### Mealtime

**Be Together:** Eat watermelon! Compare the small seeds inside to the big fruit it becomes. Isn't God's world amazing?!

**Wonder Together:** What other seeds start small and grow into large fruit, trees, or flowers?



### Travel Time

**Be Together:** Visit a botanical garden. Use all your senses to experience the plants. Touch the plants, smell the different aromas, listen to the birds and bugs, and see God's amazing world.



### Family Time

**Be Together:** Plant tall sunflowers. Care for them as they grow. Let the flowers dry to feed the birds.

**Wonder Together:** Birds can enjoy the plants. What else enjoys God's world?



### Bedtime

**Be Together:** Read "Communities Grow" on the other side of this sheet and do the suggested motions together.

**Bless Together:** My child, may you grow into a great leader for God.

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## Suggested Family Serving Time activities:

- A. **Give-A-Kid-A-Chance** back pack drive \$35 buys school supplies, back pack, and school uniform for a child at Wakefield Elementary (2 GENEROUS MATCHING GIFTS will turn your \$35 donation into a \$70 donation!!!) Donations can be made in one of two ways - You can mail a check to 4823 Woodlawn Rd. Please put "GAKAC" on the memo line. or donate directly online at the link below. Be sure to select the "Give a Kid a Chance" fund.  
<https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Giving/phumc>
- B. **Donate diapers** to the church for our monthly diaper drive.
- C. The **children's book donation** that I previously mentioned will continue through the end of August or end of September. These books can be used right away. (See pic. on next page.)

**Arkansas Food Bank Cereal Drive – Thank you to all that helped phkids raise \$1,615 to feed hungry children!**

\*\*\*Remember to gather at 10:30am to watch our Sunday morning service on KATV!\*\*\*



NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

# GIVE A KID A CHANCE

Each summer we collect funds in order to help out our friends at Wakefield Elementary. **We are asking for a donation of \$35 to provide a backpack, school supplies, and a uniform for students at Wakefield.** Make checks payable to PHUMC with "GAKAC" on the memo line.

DONATE BOOKS TO KIDS IN NEED!

## COVID-19 BOOK DRIVE

BEGINNING JUNE 1,  
DROP OFF K-12 BOOKS TO  
HILLCREST HALL: 1501 KAVANAUGH BLVD OR  
ROOSEVELT THOMPSON LIBRARY: 38 RAHLING CIR

Follow the signs at each  
site to drop off books  
7am-9pm in the  
designated bins.



All donated books  
will be distributed at  
meal pick-up sites  
alongside the free  
prepared meals.



Contact [jessie\\_bates@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jessie_bates@sbcglobal.net) or  
[brookemalmstrom@meme.com](mailto:brookemalmstrom@meme.com) (WLR) with questions.

Sponsored by:



FYI - This book drive will continue through the end of August and maybe on into September!



## A Tiny Seed

Punch out and glue the mustard bush to a piece of construction paper. Draw birds or other animals that might find refuge in the big bush. Tape a mustard seed in the roots of the tree.





## 8. Communities Grow (Exodus 13:18-21)

### Good Seeds

