

Sunday 19th July 2020
The wheat and the weeds

Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.



Make the Sign of the Cross

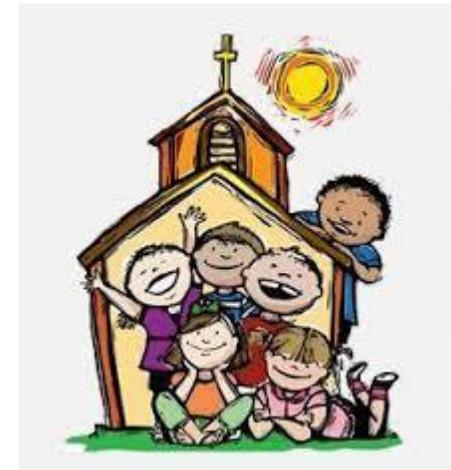
Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Matthew...

Jesus told the people another parable: 'One day a farmer sowed his field with wheat but that night, as he slept, his enemy crept into the field and scattered weeds amongst the wheat.'

Days passed and as the wheat grew so did the weeds. The farmer realised what his enemy had done. One of the farm workers asked if the farmer would like the weeds pulling up. 'No,' the farmer replied, 'Let them grow until harvest time because if we pull up the weeds now we might also pull up the wheat. When the harvest comes, we can separate the weeds from the wheat. At that point I will store the wheat in my barn and burn the weeds.'

The disciples asked Jesus to explain the story and he told them, 'I am the man who sowed the wheat and my enemy is the one who scattered the weeds. The wheat seeds are those people who hear my word and follow me. The weeds are the people who do not listen to me. The end of the world will be like harvest time, when those who are good and those who are bad will be separated and the good will share God's happiness in heaven.'



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Respond Together...

- Can you remember the parable last week about the sower?
- What happens to the farmer's field in today's story? Why does no-one like weeds in their gardens? What do they do to the other plants that they grow next to?
- The farmer didn't want the weeds to be pulled out in case they hurt the wheat. Just like wheat and weeds, God knows that good and bad people live alongside each other. Goodness and love are strong and God wants to give people who make the wrong choices the chance to see goodness and change their ways.
- What did Jesus promise for good and bad people at the end of the world? Each day we can choose to be like either the wheat or the weeds. If we choose to be the wheat then when the time comes we will be 'stored safely' in heaven with God!

Pray Together...

Lord Jesus, show me the way to eternal life with you in heaven. Stay with me on my journey and guide me towards goodness so I can share everlasting happiness with you. Amen.

