

Sunday 13th June 2021
The Kingdom of God



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...

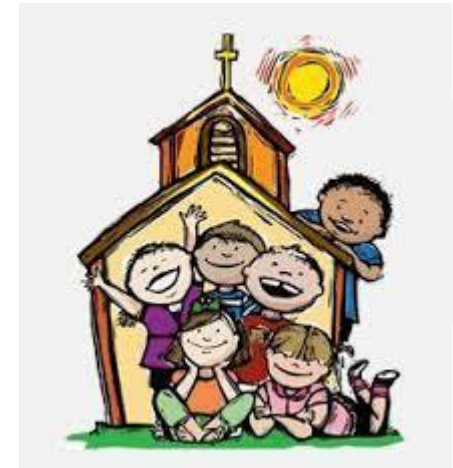
Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel of Mark...

One day Jesus told this parable to the people: 'The Kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed. Night and day, the little seed sprouts and grows. No-one sees it growing or knows how it happens. Until one day it has become a large and leafy shrub and the birds of the air find shelter in its many branches.'

Jesus told the people many parables and later when he was alone with his disciples he helped them to understand their messages.

Respond Together...

- Can you remember what a parable is? A parable is a short and simple story which Jesus told to help the people listening to understand something important.
- In today's parable, what did Jesus talk about when explaining the Kingdom of God? He told them of the tiny mustard seed and how it grows into a strong, healthy plant. This was a way of explaining how the Kingdom of God can grow.



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- Jesus often talked about the Kingdom of God and in today's parable he tries to explain more about this Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is the new way of life that Jesus showed us. To live in this Kingdom we must live as Jesus taught us. We should put the love of God and the love of our neighbours before anything else.
- How is the Kingdom of God like a mustard seed? The Kingdom of God grows from small beginnings like the tiny mustard seed. The word of God is planted in our hearts and as we grow in kindness, love, understanding and forgiveness we share it with others. It is in this way that God's Kingdom grows.

Pray Together... Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

