



## The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast: Matthew 13: 31-33

Jesus often told his followers stories or parables to help them understand His teaching. One day, Jesus was talking to his followers about what God's Kingdom is like:



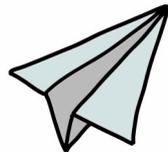
Jesus said that God's Kingdom is like a mustard seed that a man plants in a field. The mustard seed is a small seed. Jesus said that when it grows, it becomes a tree big enough for all the birds to come and make nests in its branches.



Jesus also said God's Kingdom is like yeast that a woman mixes into a big bowl of flour to make bread. The yeast makes the dough rise.

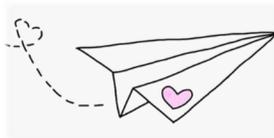


## A WAY TO PRAY... PAPER AEROPLANE PRAYERS



**Make a paper aeroplane prayer!** When we talk to God, our prayers go straight to his ears and He hears everything that is on our hearts. Take a sheet of paper and write on it anything you want to talk to God about. You could start with:

- Thank you God for...
- God, I am sorry for...
- God, please help...



Make your paper aeroplane and let it fly. Even if it doesn't land where you want it to, know that your prayers have already reached God! If you need help visit here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ub4aprrt>

## So what does this tell us about God's Kingdom?



Jesus teaches us that, like the mustard seed and the yeast, God's Kingdom can start from something small. But that small thing can grow and grow – just like the mustard seed became a great big tree!

The Kingdom started with Jesus and 12 disciples and has now grown so that there are many followers all over the world!

God sows the seed of faith in us. Even if our faith starts off small, God can grow it to fill our hearts!

## See the Scripture

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y2o8rxpg>

The Mustard Seed: <https://tinyurl.com/ycoolcam>



## What is God's Kingdom?

You certainly can't get to God's Kingdom using a map! It is not a physical place. But **you can find it** anywhere there are people who know that God is their king. Jesus said that **God's Kingdom could be seen** through his life and teachings. If Jesus is the King of our lives, **we can be part of the Kingdom too** and help it to grow.

## SONGS TO ENJOY



The Mustard Seed:  
<https://tinyurl.com/vahtf57c>

Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y4g6cjh6>

# Creative Response

St. Mary's  
SAWSTON

## A Prayer

Father, thank you for planting the seed of faith in our hearts and for helping it grow. Let us know you as the King of our lives and help us to be part of growing your Kingdom. **Amen**



WONDER?

I wonder what small actions could help others get to know God's love?

## AMAZING APPLE SEED SUMS ...

Jesus said that from a tiny mustard seed, grows a huge tree! Mustard seeds are always making new seeds to make even more mustard trees! We are growing in our love for God and spreading the seeds of faith to those around us, all ready for God to grow!

Apples are yummy to eat! They also have tiny seeds inside them. If you planted it, each small seed would make an apple tree of its own. Did you know that each large apple tree can make up to 500 apples each year!

Have a go at this apple dissection and see if you can calculate the answer to the seed sum..



With a grown up, carefully cut an apple into 4 quarters. Remove all the seeds and eat the apple! Count how many seeds you have found. If you planted all your apples seeds in good soil and each seed made an apple tree, how many apples could your trees make in one year? Remember each tree can make up to 500 apples!



## YEAST BALLOON EXPERIMENT...



Yeast are tiny organisms that eat sugar and burp out carbon dioxide gas. Jesus told us about a woman who put these tiny organisms into her flour and it made her bread dough grow and grow.

Have a go at making your own yeast balloon to see the hidden power of the yeast in action. Think about the power of the God has to make His word and teachings grow in your heart and transform your life.

### YOU'LL NEED:

2 plastic bottles and labels; 1 packet of active dry yeast; 1 tablespoons white (granulated) sugar; 1 tablespoon honey; tape

1. Add half a packet of yeast to each squeeze bottle.
2. Add 1 tablespoon of white sugar and 1 tablespoon of warm water to one of the bottles. Add the honey and 1 tablespoon of warm water to the second bottle.
3. Screw the tops on the bottles, cover the caps with your finger, and shake each bottle a few times to mix the ingredients.
4. Place a water balloon over each spout and tape it into place (so it won't pop off).
5. Set the bottles aside and wait about 30 minutes. What happened? Do you see bubbles in any of the bottles? Have any of the balloons started to inflate?
6. Set the bottles in a sink or bathtub (in case of explosions!) and wait a few more hours. What happened now? Have any of the balloons completely blown up? Which sugar does the yeast seem to like best?

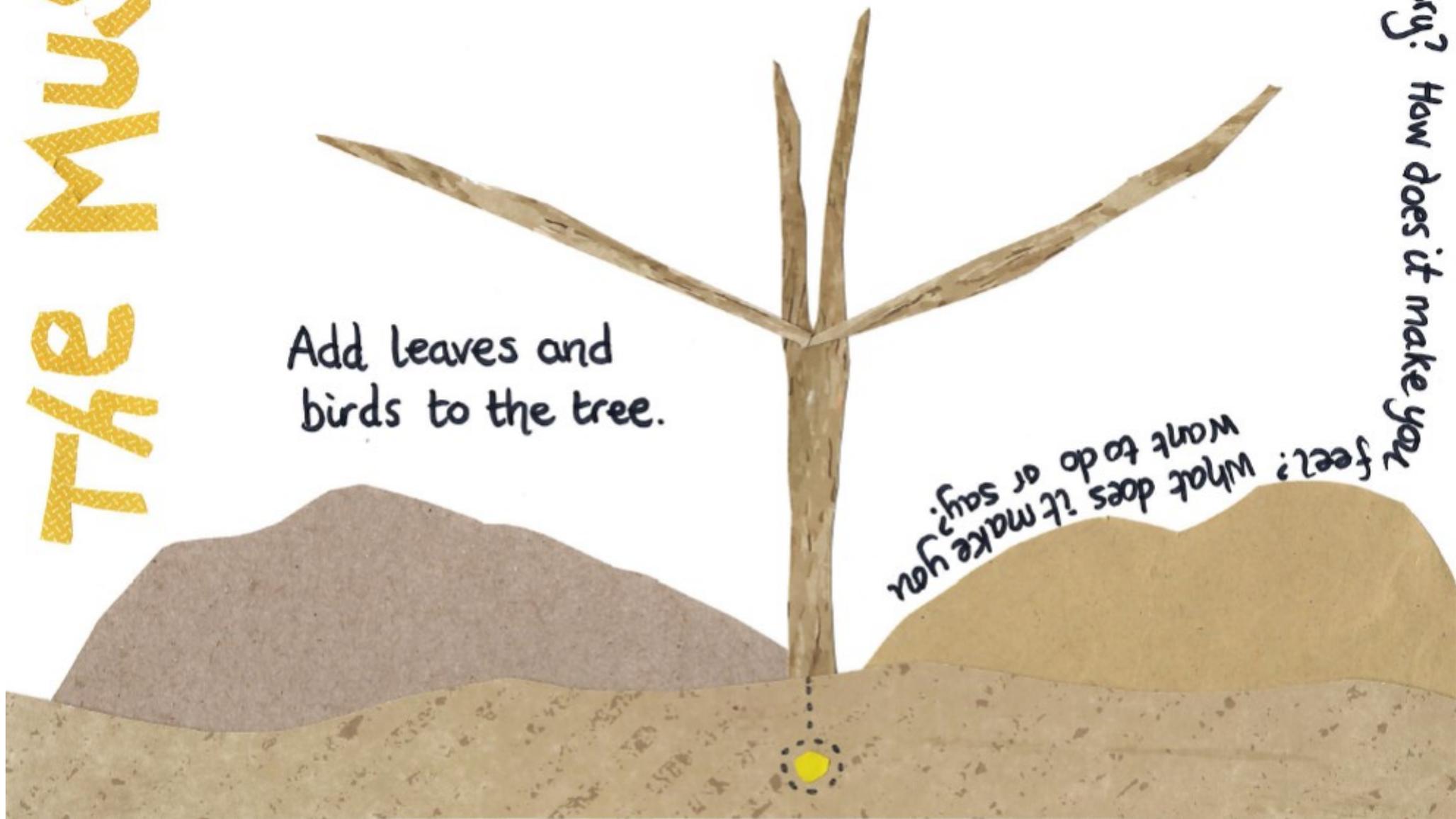
# THE MUSTARD SEED

What do you like about this story?

How does it make you feel?

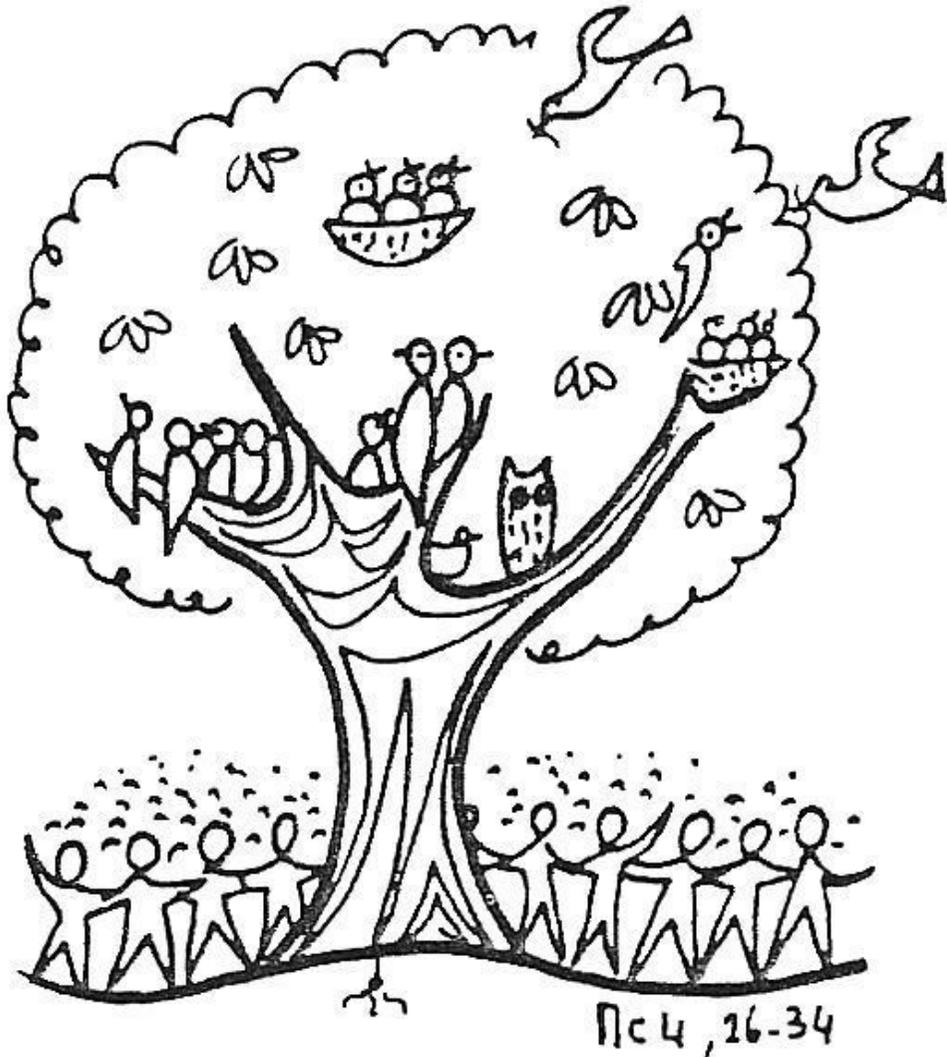
Add leaves and birds to the tree.

What does it make you want to do or say?



PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED:

MATTHEW 13:31-32



PARABLE OF THE YEAST:

MATTHEW 13:33