

The Parable of the Mustard Seed





First Moment

Today we are going to listen to a story Jesus told about the Kingdom.

We are going to hear about a tiny mustard seed that grows into a huge bush.

If it is available, show mustard seed.

Read story from Scriptures Matthew 13:31.32

(Light the candle)

31 He told another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in a field.

32 It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

(Extinguish the candle)

The seed isn't much bigger than a speck of dust – but inside it there must be some great energy to make it grow...

I wonder who put that energy into the seed?

I wonder how it will grow?

I wonder whether it will stop growing some time?

Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that grows into a bush.

I wonder what is Jesus trying to tell us about the Kingdom of God in this parable?

Second Moment: (Seed sorting)

You will need at least five different kinds of seed
(more if possible)

We have already looked at a seed called the
mustard seed.

It is a very tiny seed that grows into a big tree, by
God's power.

Are there other small seeds that grow into big
plants?

We have a work that goes with this, and I'm going
to show you this.

I have some other seeds.

Name each of the seeds and say what kind of plant
it becomes... eg.

*This is a pumpkin seed. It grows into a
vine with big leaves and flowers that turn
into pumpkins.*

Select all of the pumpkin seeds and put them
together.

Do the same for each of the other seed sets.

