

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 35

Jesus Heals and
Teaches

Luke 13:10-21

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Younger Verse

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Older Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

One Sabbath day, Jesus was teaching in the church. There He saw a woman who was bent over. She could not stand up straight. She had been that way for eighteen years! When Jesus saw her, He said, "Woman, you are healed of your sickness!" Then He touched the woman, and immediately, she stood up straight! The woman began praising and thanking God!

That was a wonderful miracle. But the religious leaders got mad. They didn't think Jesus should heal people on the Sabbath day. It was supposed to be a day to rest and worship God. Jesus explained to the religious leaders that it is always good to help others, no matter what day it is.

Then Jesus talked about a mustard seed. He said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? How can I explain it? It is like a tiny mustard seed planted in a garden. It grows into a large tree, and the birds come to find shelter under its branches."

In this picture story, Jesus compared God's kingdom to a tiny mustard seed that grew to be a huge plant. Just like the tiny seed, the number of people who followed Jesus was very small at first. But Jesus knew that many people would become His followers. He knew that God's kingdom would grow, and He used His disciples to do it!

Jesus then compared God's kingdom to yeast. Yeast is a substance that people use to make bread rise. It only takes a small amount of yeast to make the bread rise. Jesus said, "What else is the Kingdom of God like? It is like yeast used by a woman making bread." Jesus said that the woman making bread uses a large amount of flour and only a tiny amount of yeast, but the yeast spreads throughout all the dough.

This picture goes hand-in-hand with that of the mustard seed. Jesus was saying that the small group of followers called the disciples would influence their world. They would spread the Good News about Jesus so that many people would become His followers.

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus healed a woman on the Sabbath
Learn what Jesus taught about a mustard seed and yeast
See that God's Kingdom will grow when we share Him

Another way of looking at these two parables is that when a person first believes in Jesus and asks Him into their life, they may not know a lot about Him. They start out with a tiny seed of faith. But their faith grows as they get to know God better. **Ask: How do we get to know God better?** (reading the Bible, praying, going to Bible Study)

We can be like the yeast in the second parable. We can spread the Good News about Jesus like His disciples did. Just like the yeast mixes into the dough and makes all the bread rise, we can influence many people by telling them about Jesus. Let's keep spreading the Word!

If you have never asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins and come into your life, you can do that today. Jesus loves you and wants to be your best friend. That is why He died on the cross for your sins. When you invite Him into your life, He will be with you forever. You will know that you will see Him one day in Heaven. Please talk to someone if you want to know more.

Review Questions

1. What two things did Jesus compare God's kingdom to in the story? (mustard seed; yeast)
2. How is God's kingdom like a mustard seed? (It starts out small but grows larger)
3. How much yeast is needed to make bread rise? (a small amount)
4. How can we be like yeast in our world? (influence those around us and spread the Good News about Jesus)

Life Application

Faith means believing in what we cannot see. When we first become a follower of Jesus, we have a small amount of faith. Even Jesus' disciples knew they needed more faith! One day they came to Jesus and said, "We need more faith; tell us how to get it." Jesus responded by talking about a mustard seed! He said that even if they had faith as small as a mustard seed, they would be able to do great things for God (Luke 17:5-6).

How much faith do you think you have? It doesn't take a lot. God can do anything! There are many examples in the Bible of people who thought they were too young or not gifted enough for God to use them. And yet God still used them! Don't limit God's power—just say yes and let Him use you. Your faith in God will grow when you obey Him and let Him work through you.

Planning for Lesson 36
The Narrow Door
Luke 13:22-30

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Heals and Teaches

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**Hands-on Activities
for
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Bring regular bread and flat bread made without yeast. Let children try a sample of both and decide which one they like better.

Bring a mustard seed and a tomato seed. (You may substitute another kind of seed for the tomato, as long as the seed is large and the plant is small.) Ask the students which seed do they think will grow to be a larger plant—the tiny mustard seed or the larger tomato seed. Surprise! The mustard plant grows taller than the tomato plant!

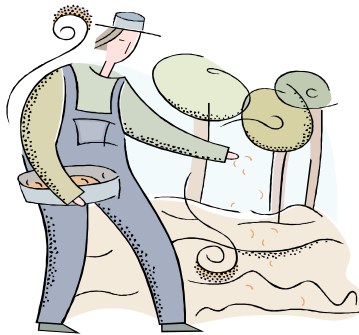
Bring playdough and let the kids roll it and knead it like bread dough. Talk about how, without the yeast, bread does not rise.

Pour a drop of food coloring into a cup of water—watch it change the color of the water! It only takes one drop to color all the water. It only takes one person to make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

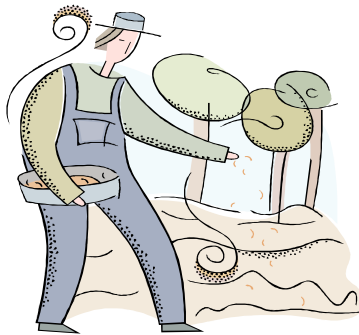
Sing the song “Faith, faith, faith, just a little bit of faith. You don’t need a whole lot (clap, clap); Just use what you got (clap, clap). Faith, faith, faith just a little bit of faith.”

Decorate construction paper crosses and glue a small mustard seed on it. Talk about how we can tell people how Jesus died on the cross for their sins—one person died for the whole world!

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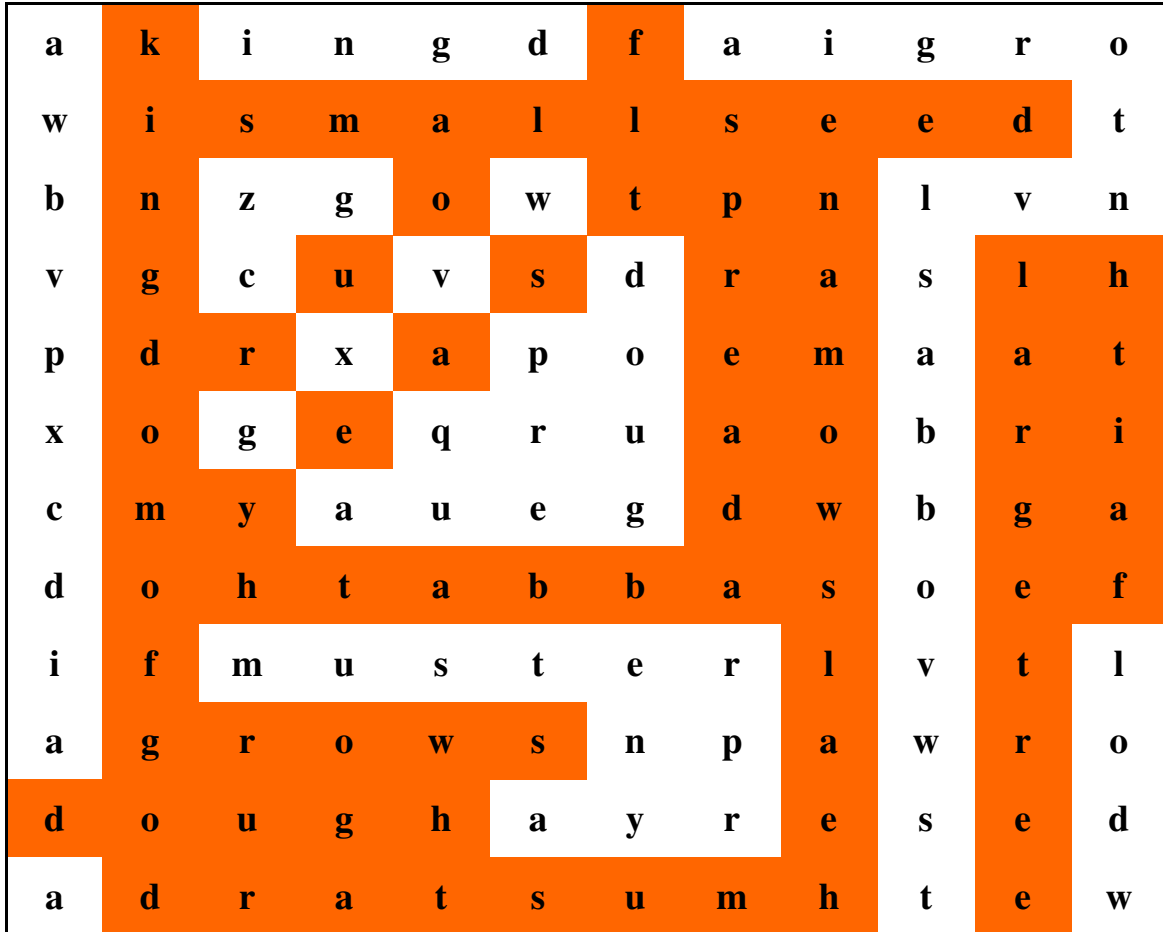
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