

Colouring In



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....
to Mass today.



The Parable Of The Mustard Seed

Mark 4:26-34

“Or compare the kingdom of heaven to a tiny mustard seed, which becomes one of the largest shrubs, and the birds of the air can find shelter in its many branches”

Parable Of The Mustard Seed

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.

Have you ever seen a mustard seed? They are tiny. They are so small that if you dropped one on the ground, you might not be able to find it. But when it is planted in the ground, it grows into a plant 3m high or more! It is so large that birds can perch on its branches and can even build their nests in it.

Jesus told a parable comparing the mustard seed to the kingdom of God. Jesus said, “How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade.”

When Jesus first began his earthly ministry, he had no followers. Then Jesus started growing the kingdom of God with a handful of disciples. One by one, Jesus called his disciples until there were twelve of them. Then Jesus sent out the twelve and they brought others to Jesus and the kingdom of God grew. From a very small beginning, the kingdom of God has grown and grown until it has spread over the entire earth.

Every follower of Jesus is a part of the kingdom and that means that you and I are a part of God's kingdom. Each time we tell someone about Jesus, we are helping to grow the kingdom.

Isn't it great to know that we can have a part something that amazing?!

Decoder Puzzle

Each number below represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the letters for numbers, to reveal the coded words!

T	E	G	B	W	J	C	D	M	F	A	R	L
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

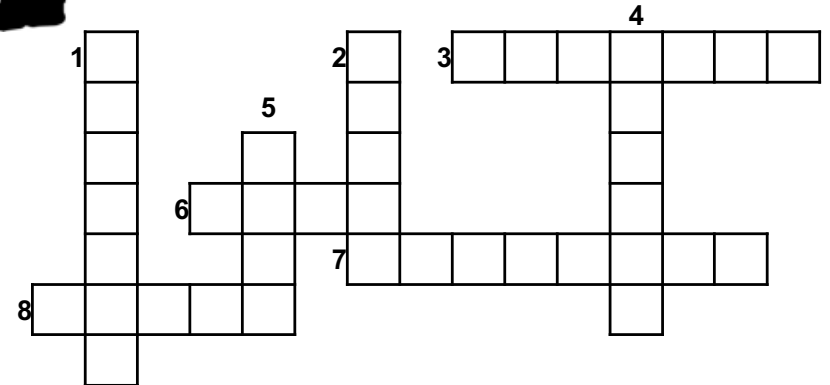
Q	Y	O	H	X	Z	U	S	V	P	K	I	N
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 23-11-12-11-4-13-2 _____
- 24-25-26-3-8-16-9 _____
- 9-20-21-1-11-12-8 _____
- 21-2-2-8 _____
- 23-13-11-26-1-2-8 _____
- 21-9-11-13-13-2-21-1 _____
- 13-11-12-3-2-21-1 _____
- 23-13-11-26-1-21 _____
- 4-25-12-8-21 _____
- 26-2-21-1 _____

Planted	Mustard	Kingdom	Nest	Plants
Smallest	Parable	Birds	Largest	Seed



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Bigger than any of the others
- A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
- Not as big as any of the others
- A living thing that grows in the ground, usually with leaves or flowers

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- A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
- An animal that has wings and is covered with feathers
- An area where plants are grown
- The place where birds lay eggs or give birth to their young

Seed	Parable	Birds	Largest
Smallest	Nest	Garden	Plant

Children's Prayer

Our Father which 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And
 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 Amen.

