

# Colouring In



## The Parable Of The Weeds

“Let them both grow until the harvest”  
(Matthew 13: 24-43)

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# Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

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to Mass today.

## Size Doesn't Matter

### *Sixteenth Sunday in Normal Time. Year A.*

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to three things - a field that has weeds in it, a tiny mustard seed, and the yeast you use to make bread.

Have you ever seen a mustard seed? They are really very tiny, but they actually grow to become a tree. Yeast is also very tiny - it comes in small packets nowadays. To make bread, you need to add only a little yeast to lots of flour and water, and a small amount of sugar and salt. In a few hours, the yeast grows throughout the bread mixture, and is actually what makes loaves of bread so large, soft and fluffy!

So what can we learn from the mustard seed and the yeast? Well, I think we can learn that we are never too small to be important in God's eyes. You and I may be small, but we can help to grow the kingdom of God.

If you want to learn more about the parable of the weeds, turn to the Decoder Puzzle inside!

# Decoder Puzzle

In his story about the weeds, Jesus was explaining that there may be people around us who don't belong in the kingdom of heaven, because they aren't very loving, and they do hateful and hurtful things. They are like weeds in the garden, that rob the soil of it's goodness, and may choke out good plants. But Jesus also gave us advice about this - just leave it up to God to separate the weeds from the good plants. If we try to take matters into our own hands, we will probably do more harm than good.

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

J	R	L	N	O	Y	S	V	Q	C	Z	P	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

W	F	G	H	X	T	D	U	B	E	A	M	K
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 12-24-2-24-22-3-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-23-23-20-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-5-5-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-23-23-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15-13-23-3-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-17-23-24-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-24-2-8-23-7-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 22-21-2-4 \_\_\_\_\_

WHEAT	WEEDS
PARABLE	GOOD
FIELD	HARVEST
SEED	BURN



# Word Search

M A V W H F Q B B E W G Q I S  
 H R M P S Y I U K D Y H O A J  
 C L G A T U A E F I F H E O B  
 J F R R E A P S L M N Y O A D  
 O H O A Q W K R O D M G P T T  
 T T W B M C S X O E V V D P A  
 D D E L F G J E N O B U T O D  
 X A H E V T C E E X T K R J M  
 B G J A V I U C A D D L N C H  
 M C W H R M X Z Q V V E M J A  
 G Q C E R V J M D P V W V B Y  
 L G A R E L E X P A U P D U Y  
 S O W J B D T S E A G L Z R K  
 J W O V U T S H T S X B L N O  
 O X T V D G V N L L C M T I H

SOW	FIELD	GOOD
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN
UPROOT	HARVEST	KINGDOM
SEED	GROW	WEEDS

# Children's Prayer

Hello God. Please help us to remember that size is not important in your kingdom. Help us also to love one another, and leave the matter of judgment in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

