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GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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God's Kingdom

This is a parable about a little growth and creating God's vast kingdom. In this story, we learn that things that are hidden sometimes can reveal something even greater.

There are small beginnings that grow to surprise many. These surprises grow to be life-giving, slowly but surely.

A mustard seed is a tiny seed that can grow into a plant over six feet tall. Flour combined with yeast can feed an enormous amount of people. These seem to be exaggerations to make a point. No matter how small, it all contributes and makes a difference. This story asks us to be a people of hope to have extravagant faith.

God's kingdom comes into being with tiny and almost invisible things. A small quantity—a tiny seed, a measure of yeast—turns out to have an enormous effect. What is growing in God's world today that could surprise us and be something amazing?

The Mustard Seed

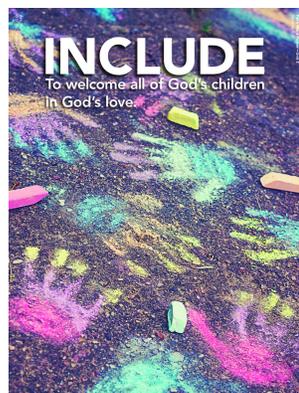


Wonder Question

What can you do to help grow God's Kingdom?



Faith Word



Spiritual Practice

A mustard seed takes a long time to grow into a big bush or tree. Since you can't watch a mustard seed grow, use your imagination.

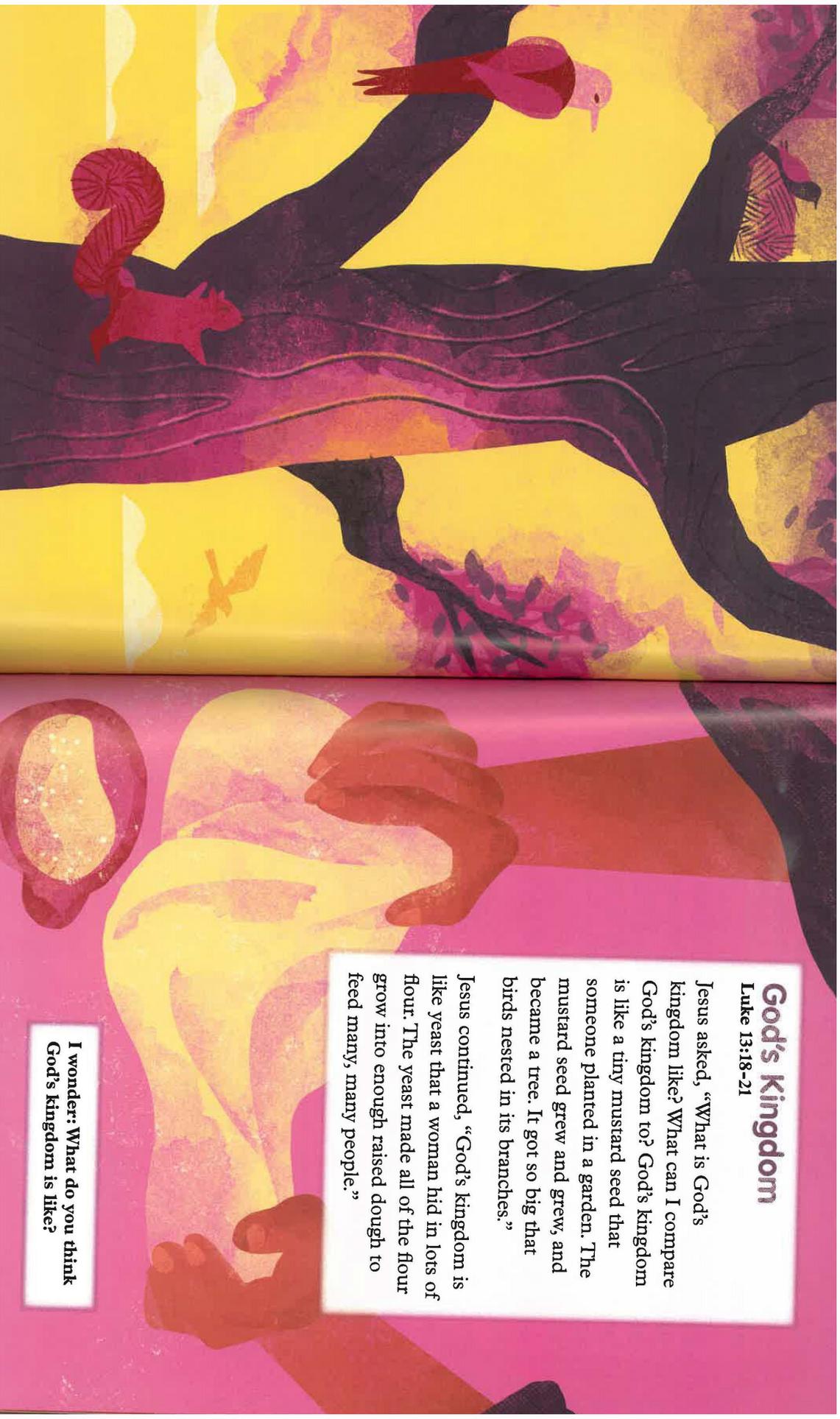
Close your eyes and imagine a small seed in the palm of your hand. Imagine it grows bigger and bigger until you can't hold it anymore. Imagine you are nestled on the limb of a big tree. Friends have filled the other branches.

When you see a tree, remember it started from a small seed. No one is too little or too young to grow God's Kingdom



*Although we can't gather together we can still
gather with Christ.
We do miss our church family but the church is
WHERE WE ARE!*

Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.



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Luke 13:18-21

Jesus asked, "What is God's kingdom like? What can I compare God's kingdom to? God's kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed that someone planted in a garden. The mustard seed grew and grew, and became a tree. It got so big that birds nested in its branches."

Jesus continued, "God's kingdom is like yeast that a woman hid in lots of flour. The yeast made all of the flour grow into enough raised dough to feed many, many people."

I wonder: What do you think God's kingdom is like?

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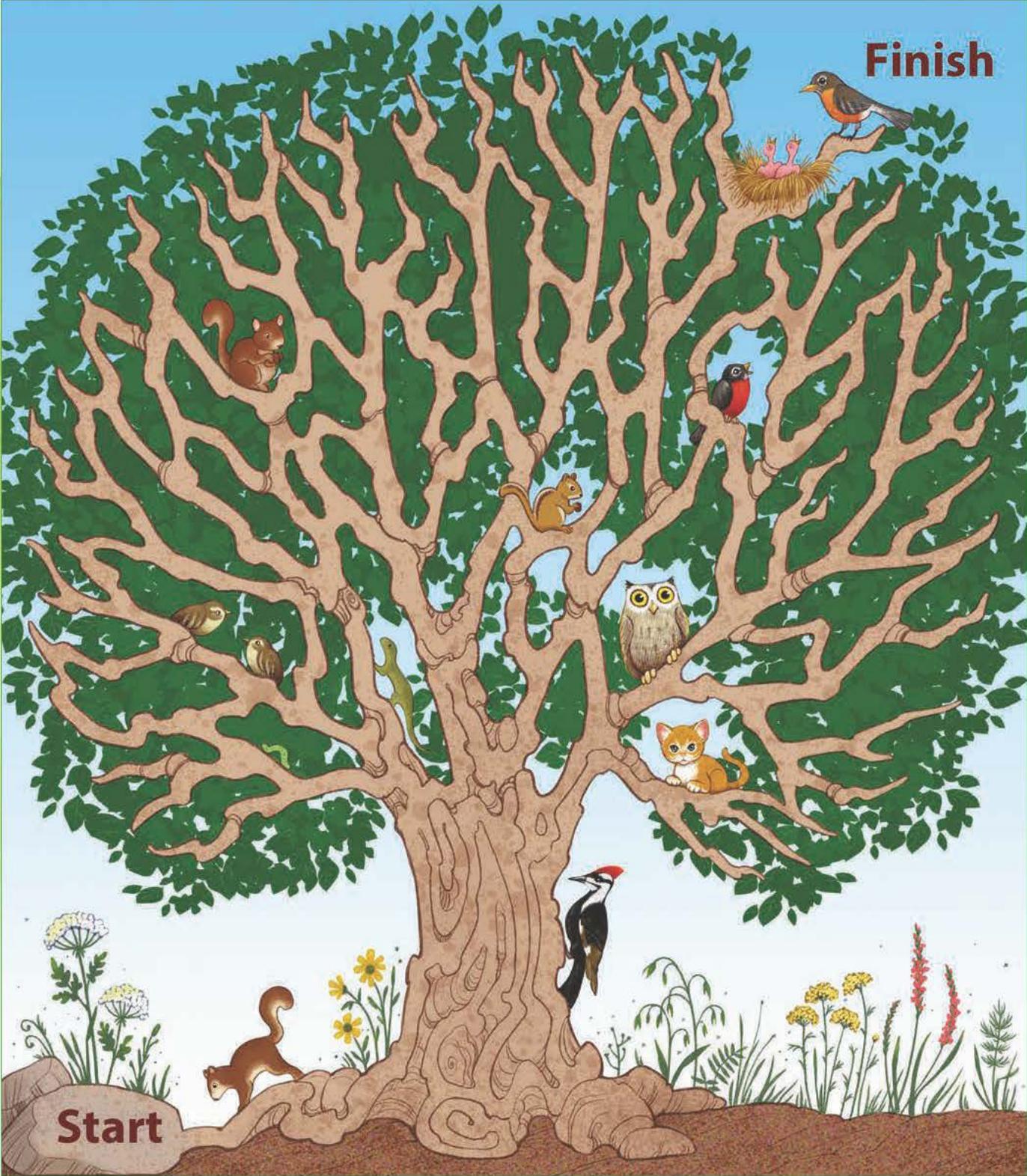
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Grow as You Go

Find the correct path to move from Start to Finish.



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Seed and Plant Matchup

Instructions

Match each plant to the seed it grew from.



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Wonder About Mustard Plants

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Instructions

What do you imagine a mustard plant looks like? Draw what you imagine in the space provided.



AT HOME WEEKLY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

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**Brock
Bourek**



**Tamera
Albert**

Great things grow from small beginnings.



To get a better understanding of what this story teaches, Take an apple, cut it open, and take out the seeds. For instance, say there were five seeds in your apple.

Now, imagine that we planted these seeds and each grew into an apple tree. How many apples do you think each tree might produce? Fifty? A hundred? Two hundred? An apple tree can produce from 150 to 300 apples each year and that an apple tree will produce apples for about fifty years. Just think how many apples that is! It isn't hard to see how we have enough apples to feed the entire world, is it?

Jesus started growing the kingdom of God with a handful of disciples. 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 in growing God's kingdom?

CELEBRATE WONDER WINTER EDITION



As you make space for God in your home this winter season, Grace will provide you with the resources you need to foster your child's spiritual formation. Each week we provide a children's newsletter with lesson activities from December 2020 - February 2021 to share God's truths with your child at your pace.

Spiritual Practice for Adults

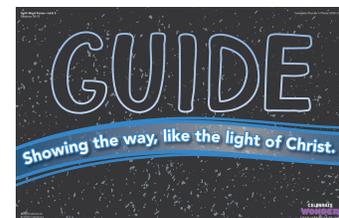
Baking bread has been a part of religious tradition for many years. Bread has been a symbol of life and of community. Make a simple bread recipe, then share it with your family, friends, or church community.

- 3 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 .25-package active dry yeast
- 1 cup warm water
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons salt

Preheat oven to 375°. In a resealable bag, place 1 cup flour, sugar, and yeast. Then add warm water. Seal the bag and push on the bag with your hands to mix. Let the dough rest for 10 minutes in a warm place. Add 1 cup flour, oil, and salt to the bag. Then seal the bag and mix it together. Add the remaining cup of flour, and mix until it is all combined. Use a spatula to scrape the dough from the bag onto a lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth, about 5 minutes. Spray two small loaf pans with cooking spray. Halve the dough, and place in the two pans. Cover with a kitchen towel and let rise 30 minutes. Brush the top of the dough with olive oil or melted butter and bake until golden, about 30 minutes.

Upcoming Unit 3

New materials with our new Faith word will be sent next week for each child. If you would like to receive at home materials please contact our office.



February 7

The Lords Prayer
Matthew 6:5-15

February 21

Mary & Martha
Luke 10: 38-42

February 14

Jesus Calm the Storm
Mark 4:35-41

February 28

Zacchaeus
Luke 19:1-10