

Worship at Home June 13th 2021

The Parable of the Mustard Seed. Mark 4:26-34

Introduction: Many things that begin small become large. Ask your child to name some things which start out small but grow big. For example, seeds are small but become big plants. People start as babies but grow to be adults. An egg becomes an ostrich.

What about an uninflated balloon (you may also substitute for a stick of gum.) Talk about how small and unimportant it looks. Then begin to blow the balloon up until it is big. (If possible, write a surprise Bible memory verse on the balloon that appears when you blow it up.) If we ignored the small piece of rubber and said it wasn't much, we would never be able to enjoy a big balloon.

Today's Bible story is a parable. That is a story that Jesus told to teach us something. (Read the story from a picture Bible or watch a clip)

[The Parable of the Mustard Seed - YouTube](#)

When Jesus lived it was much different to our day. When Jesus first began to preach the Gospel, tell people how much God loved them, He did not have internet or television. He couldn't catch an airplane to fly around the world. He spoke to people, and they spoke to other people, and they spoke to still more people. Lay out a paper towel or napkin. Take a small piece of wet sponge and place it in the middle. The sponge seems very small, but the water in the sponge will spread and wet the whole paper towel.

Jesus's words are like this water in the sponge. It will grow in hearts and change people. God can use the smallest of actions to make big changes. Many years ago Jesus started telling others about God with just his 12 disciples, they then told others who told others and now people all around the world know about God's love and forgiveness. God can use you and me to share His love with others too. We might be small, but we can love and share and tell others about Jesus, just like the disciples did. We might be small like the mustard seed but with the help of the Holy Spirit we can grow big in God's love.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for your parables, the stories you told to help us know about God's kingdom. Help us to grow in your love and then to be able to share that love with others. Amen

Clips: [Kingdom Seeds for Kids! \(Parable of the Mustard Seed\) - YouTube](#)

[The Parable of the Mustard Seed for Kids - YouTube](#)

[Wild: Stories about Jesus Mark 4:30-34 - YouTube](#)

Songs: [GROW - Dan Warlow - actions video - YouTube](#)

[God's love is bigger than a burger - YouTube](#)

[Love One Another - YouTube](#)

[God's Love is Big - YouTube](#)

Activities: Make a **rubber band ball**. You will need a large bag of rubber bands of varying sizes. You may like to start with a small bouncy ball as the centre of your ball. As the children wrap each rubber band around the ball it gets bigger. From small things big things can grow. Have fun playing with your new bouncy ball.

Quick Thinking: who can think the quickest.

Supplies – paper, writing utensils

Give each child a piece of paper and writing utensil. Have them number their page 1-10. Next, read each category below and give the kids 30 seconds to silently think of an answer and write it down. After completing all ten categories go through each category and award a point to to whomever chose the smallest thing.

1. Smallest land animal
2. Smallest air animal
3. Smallest water animal
4. Smallest pet
5. Smallest plant
6. Smallest word
7. Smallest toy
8. Smallest book
9. Smallest item in the room
10. Smallest food

You can do the same for the largest things.

Balloon fun: Have some balloons, blow them up to different sizes and have fun playing games with them.