

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 8:5-15

Lesson Objective: Hearers respond to preaching in various ways

Materials: Poster board, Markers, Coins

Memory Verse: " Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 7:21

Lesson Summary

Jesus uses a parable to show how the message of Christ is received and at times rejected. In this story, a man went to sow seed in his field. In this story, the man is like Jesus and the seed is like the Word of God. Along the way, some of the seeds fell on the ground and was eaten by the birds. This is like when people who hear the good news and do not listen. Some of the seeds fell on a rock and as soon as it sprouted, it dried up because it had no roots and could not get water. The seeds that fall on the rocky ground grow quickly but then die because they can't take root. This is like people who listen to the good news at first, but they are not serious. When problems come, they give up on Jesus. Some of the seeds fell among some thorns, but could not live because the thorns took all the water. The seeds that fall amid the thorns are choked and the plants die. Some people accept God's message, but they don't fully commit to Jesus, because other things are more important to them. Some seeds fell on good dirt and began to grow and brought forth much fruit. The good soil is like the hearts of people who love Jesus, who hear the good news and rejoice. God's word takes root in their lives, and they remain faithful to God. Their faith grows and grows and they spread the news of salvation to others. As Christians, it is our job to do our part to tell others about Jesus. Even though we may spread the good news of salvation, every one that hears will not always accept this message.

Bible Point:



Ideas to Illuminate:

Divide the poster board into 4 sections. Label the sections, bird food, rocky ground, thorny ground, and good soil. Let the children take turns tossing coins onto the poster to see how many they can land on good soil.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who does the man in the parable represent?
2. How do we make sure that our roots are strong and healthy?

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Mt. 13:24-30, 36, 43

Lesson Objective: Good and Evil will be separated at the harvest.

Materials: Edible materials that looks alike. Such as salt, sugar, water, vinegar

Memory Verse: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Mt. 13:43

Lesson Summary

Have you ever planted a seed in the ground? Many times when a seed first sprouts, it can be hard to tell what kind of plant that it will become. One day Jesus told a parable, or a story that teaches a lesson, about planting seeds. In this story, a man planted good wheat seeds in his field. The man who planted these seeds represents Jesus, the field represents the world, and the good seeds are the children of the kingdom. While the man slept, an enemy came and planted tares, or weeds, in his field alongside the wheat. The enemy represents Satan and the tares represent the children of Satan. The man told his servants to let the wheat and the tares grow together until they were ready to be gathered for harvest. Then the reapers, the servants who pick the wheat, were to first gather the tares and burn them. Then they were to gather the wheat and bring it to the storehouse. The harvest represents the end of time when the evil people in the world will be thrown into the lake of fire, or hell, and the righteous, or good, Children of God, will be taken to Heaven to live forever.

Bible Point:



Ideas to Illuminate:

Gather edible materials that are similar in appearance to each other and have the children tell them apart. Allow them to taste a small amount to see if their guess was correct.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who does the farmer represent?
2. What does the field represent?
3. Who does the enemy represent?

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 13:18-19

Lesson Objective: The Kingdom will start small but grow much larger.

Materials: Apples, Knife for cutting apples.

Memory Verse: " But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

Lesson Summary

Have you ever seen a mustard seed? They are one of the smallest seeds of all. A mustard seed is so small that if you were to drop one, you might not be able to find it. Yet, when the seed is planted, it grows into a plant so large that birds can perch on its branches and can even build their nests in it. These plants can grow ten feet high or more! Jesus told a parable comparing the mustard seed to the kingdom of God. How can a small mustard seed be compared to the great kingdom of God? When Jesus first began preaching the message of salvation, he had no followers. Soon he had twelve disciples who also began to tell about the message of salvation. Then these disciples went out and shared the gospel. Then others spread the good news. And yet others and others shared about Jesus. Like the mustard seed, the kingdom of God had a small beginning but had soon spread and grown. Jesus started growing the kingdom of God with only a few 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?

Bible Point:



Ideas to Illuminate:

Cut an apple in half and remove the seeds. Have the children to imagine that we planted these seeds and each grew into an apple tree. Tell them that an apple tree can produce from 150 to 300 apples each year it will produce apples for about fifty years. Help them to figure out how many apples that the seeds from one apple can produce.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. How can we help to grow the kingdom of God?
2. Who is responsible for spreading the message of salvation?

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 24:14

Lesson Objective: The Kingdom will spread throughout the world

Materials: Water, Food Coloring, Clear Glasses

Memory Verse: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Lesson Summary

Did you know that sometimes just adding a very tiny amount of something to another thing will cause it to grow to be much larger? Sometimes a small amount of something can change something else entirely. Have you ever thought about what it takes to make a loaf of bread? The main ingredient in bread is flour; however, the most important ingredient is yeast. When yeast is activated, it causes the other ingredients in the mixture to swell up. After the dough is baked you will have a light and fluffy loaf of bread. Without the yeast, it would be flat, hard, and not very good to eat. Jesus told a parable about making bread. A woman hid a small amount of leaven, or yeast, in three measures of meal, or flour. This very small amount was enough to make all the flour swell. In a sense, the flour represents all the people on the earth. We, as Christians have the truth of God, his word, the Holy Bible. When we share this gospel of Jesus with the world, it causes a reaction and will grow and spread throughout the earth. We have to do our part as children of God to spread the Word to grow the Kingdom of God.

Bible Point:



Ideas to Illuminate:

Add a drop of food coloring to a glass of water. You may add different colors to show how a small amount can change the appearance entirely.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. How can we help to grow the kingdom of God?
2. Who is responsible for spreading the message of salvation?

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 5:15, Mk 4:21, Luke 8:16, 11:33

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that Jesus is the source of our light and we are to let Him shine through us.

Materials: Bible, paper, crayons or writing utensil, and a flash light w/batteries.

Memory Verse: "Ye are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14a

Lesson Summary

Explain that when we accept Jesus in our hearts, we are placing the source of all power inside of us. Others will see this (Him in us) and want the same source in their lives. We cannot be ashamed of our salvation in Christ because the only way that others will want Jesus in their hearts is if you let your light shine. They will see Christ in us because we will be different from the evil things that are in this world. Jesus in us is the only way we can make it to heaven one day. So we want to shine the light of Jesus to others so they will want to make it to heaven too.

Bible Point:



Ideas to Illuminate:

Take the batteries out of a flashlight and tape Jesus on one and Christ on the other. Put the batteries in your pocket. Take the flashlight and try to turn it on. Let the kids try and examine. When they find out that there are no batteries in it, then take the ones out of your pocket and show it to the class. While putting them in correctly explain to the class how Jesus is our source of power and light.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Where does our source of power come from?
2. What are some ways that we can let our light shine?
3. What will put out our light?