

The 11th Sunday of Ordinary time

Mark 4:26-34 Year B

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

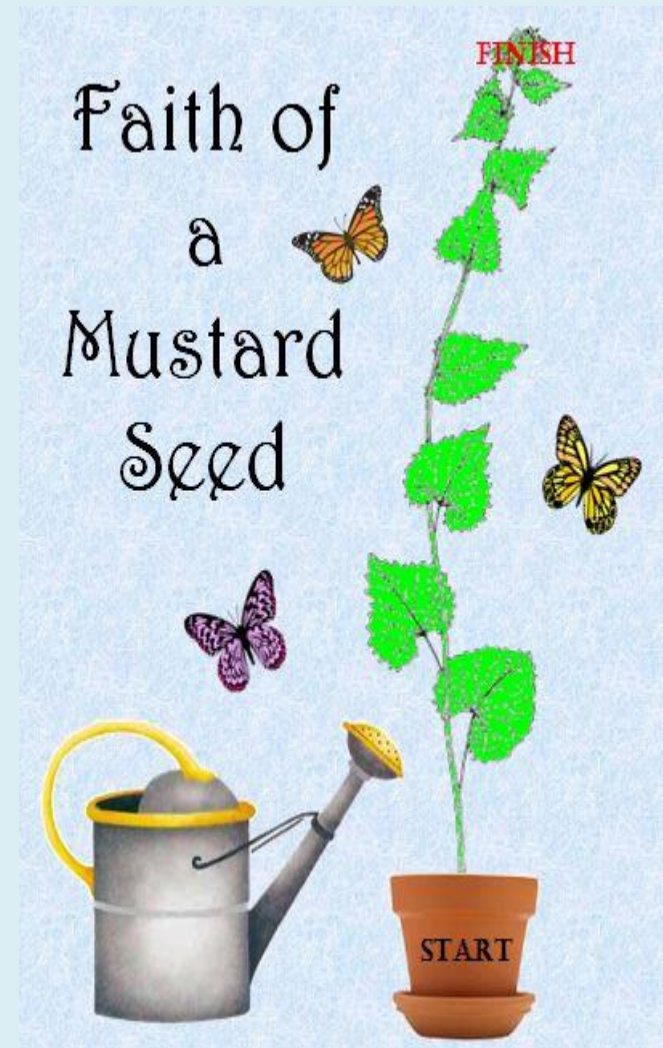


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A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?" asked Jesus. "What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade."



Reflection - The Mustard Seed

Most seeds are small, but the mustard seed is super small; it's about the size of a teeny dot on a sheet of paper. What Jesus is saying is that although the seeds are small, they can grow into something big and important. In the parable, the mustard seed grew into a tree. But this, too, took time. When things take a long time to happen, we have to be patient. We have to have faith. God wants us to know that if we live as Jesus asks us to, we can look forward to happiness with God in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The parable of the tiny mustard seed helps us to understand that as small as the mustard seed is, it grows over time, into a sturdy tree, providing homes and shelter for many birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so does God's Kingdom welcome all of us.

Just as we need time to grow, so do the seeds need time to grow and so does God's Kingdom.

Mustard Seed

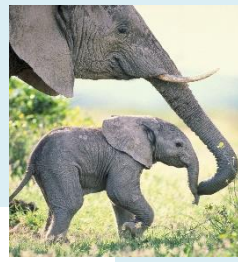


Think about the tiny seed ~

The mustard seed also shows us how size doesn't matter - even the tiniest seed can produce a great big tree. The same is true for us - even the smallest person can do great things. And even the smallest action can have big results.

For example, being kind in the playground and inviting someone to play with you if they look lonely, is just one little thing you can do - it hardly takes any time at all. But to the person who is lonely, it can make a really big difference.

What can you do today to behave the way Jesus wants you to and welcome others to God's Kingdom here on earth?



Let us Pray

Dear Jesus

I ask that my faith in you grows stronger each day. Please help me to sow the seed of your goodness in those around me and let me show by my words and actions how the Kingdom of God is for everyone.
Amen



“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.” ~

Matthew 21:22

