

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT GOOD PLANTS AND WEEDS

[The region of Galilee] — Jesus liked to use picture stories, or “parables” to teach people about God’s kingdom. Once he used a picture story about a farmer who wanted to grow a good crop. The farmer got his field ready and then bought some good seed. He planted carefully. He covered all the seed and waited for the rain and sun to make it grow. But when the crops came up, there were weeds growing right next to the plants.

The farmer’s helper said, “We couldn’t have put all those weeds in there. Where did they come from?” The farmer said, “Somebody who doesn’t like me did this.” When the farmer’s helper said, “Let’s pull the weeds out!” the farmer said, “No, let them grow until we can harvest everything. We may pull out the good crop if we pull the weeds out now.”

Jesus said the good crop is like God’s family. And the weeds are like the people who do not love God. Some day God will invite all the people who love him to live with him.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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MATCHING WORDS	
STORY	PLANTER
FARMER	CROP
PLANTS	PULL
YANK	PICK
HARVEST	ABIDE
LIVE	PARABLE

ANSWERS

SENTENCE BLANKS:

1. Jesus taught about God’s KINGDOM.
2. Jesus taught people using PARABLES.
3. A parable is a picture STORY.
4. A FARMER once planted a field.
5. The farmer and his HELPER shared the work.
6. The farmer put a lot of good SEEDS in the ground.
7. The SUN and rain made the plants grow.
8. Someone planted WEEDS alongside the good seeds.
9. The helper wanted to PULL out the weeds.
10. The farmer said to wait until HARVEST.

Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Draw A Story. Today's Gospel story is about a man who planted good seeds but got weeds along with them. Here is your chance to draw the story for yourself. There is room below for four pictures. Read the words below each space, then draw each picture as you think it would have looked.

FARMER PLANTS SEEDS	RAIN AND SUN MAKE THEM GROW
WEEDS AND PLANTS GROW UP	FARMER AND HELPER DECIDE TO LEAVE THE WEEDS

Matching Words. Here are some words from today's Gospel story, along with other words which mean the same thing. Draw lines from each word on the left side to the word on the right side which means almost the same thing.

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Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "There are a lot of weeds out in the countryside where I live. But you don't want them in your garden! Clues from today's Gospel story will help you fill in the sentence blanks below from the word list."

WORD LIST:

SUN	PARABLES	HARVEST
SEEDS	STORY	HELPER
PULL	FARMER	KINGDOM
WEEDS		

- JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GOD'S _____.
- JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE USING _____.
- A PARABLE IS A PICTURE _____.
- A _____ ONCE PLANTED A FIELD.
- THE FARMER AND HIS _____ SHARED THE WORK.
- THE FARMER PUT A LOT OF GOOD _____ IN THE GROUND.
- THE _____ AND RAIN MADE THE PLANTS GROW.
- SOMEONE PLANTED _____ ALONGSIDE THE GOOD SEEDS.
- THE HELPER WANTED TO _____ OUT THE WEEDS.
- THE FARMER SAID TO WAIT UNTIL _____.