

A passage to unpack

Mark 4 v 30-32

Find the book of Mark in the New Testament, find Chapter 4 and read verses 30 to 32.



How does a Kingdom grow?

If God's Kingdom is anywhere that God is in charge, then how does it grow? Just like we can invite God to take charge in our lives, we can encourage others to do the same. As Christians we have a special mission, to tell others the Good News about Jesus' dying and coming back to life for us so that all of us can come close to God.

Can you think of some friends who don't yet know Jesus as their friend? Pray and ask God to help you to be bold in sharing his love with them. Pray that they would become a friend of God.

Write their names or draw them here.

Before

This passage is a parable, a story told by Jesus with a message.

In the passage Jesus talks about what God's Kingdom is like. It starts as a tiny seed. Draw what it grows into here...

Jesus also talked about mustard seeds elsewhere in the Bible. You can find this verse in the book of Matthew, Chapter 17 and Verse 20.

"If your faith is as big as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."

If you had to give your faith a size...how big would it be? Draw an object which is a similar size here:



We can pray and ask God to give us more faith to live our daily lives and more faith to pray

"your kingdom come; your will be done"

just like Jesus did in his Lord's prayer.

After

The Wild Birds

When Jesus talked about the birds sitting in the mustard tree he meant everybody who hears the good news. The people listening at the time would have been surprised to hear that the good news was for everybody, not just the Jewish people. Why not be bold and pray for somebody you don't like very much that they would join God's Kingdom too!

