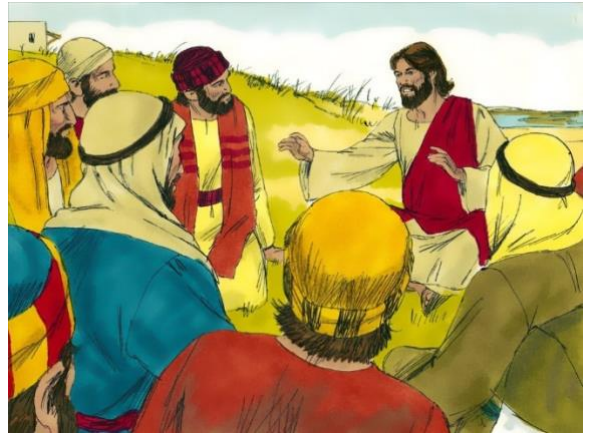


The Mustard Seed and the Yeast

This week we have two parables told by Jesus, the **Mustard Seed and the Yeast**. These two short stories were told by Jesus to teach us about the **Kingdom of God**.

Jesus always used stories when speaking to the crowds. On one day Jesus said, '**The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed!**' A man plants the seed in his field.



'It is the **smallest** of all seeds. Just teeny weeny!



'But it becomes the **largest** of garden plants.

It grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches!



Jesus also used this illustration. 'The **Kingdom of God** is like the **yeast** a woman uses in making bread.' Yeast is a special powder that makes bread rise and puff up with air until it is light and tasty.



'Even though she puts only a little yeast in a big bowl of flour, it **mixes all through in every part** of the dough.'



Why did Jesus tell these two stories?

What do you think these stories mean?

The Kingdom of heaven is the same as the Kingdom of God. When we listen to Jesus' words and believe, his Kingdom grows secretly inside us.

Like a tiny seed, which starts to grow secretly under the earth, even though a small number of people at first believed in Jesus, God grew the Kingdom of God, his church until it is now like a big tree. The tree can give shelter to birds and like the tree, the church can give shelter to people who need God.

What about the yeast?

Yeast, just like the Kingdom of God, grows on the **INSIDE** before it shows on the **OUTSIDE!** The yeast is just something small, like our **FAITH**, but God can make it grow and help to change the whole world!

A verse we can learn:

"With God's power working in us God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of!"

Ephesians 3:20

Prayer

Thank you God that you can do amazing things.

Thank you God than you can do more than we can imagine.

Thank you God that when our faith is small you can make it grow.

Amen



Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONkzy7ffUFQ> Mustard seed Parable- well illustrated

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TY89DzlwbN4>

Good for older children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCZggO5qbjA> This Mustard Seed Parable - for younger children (under 7s)

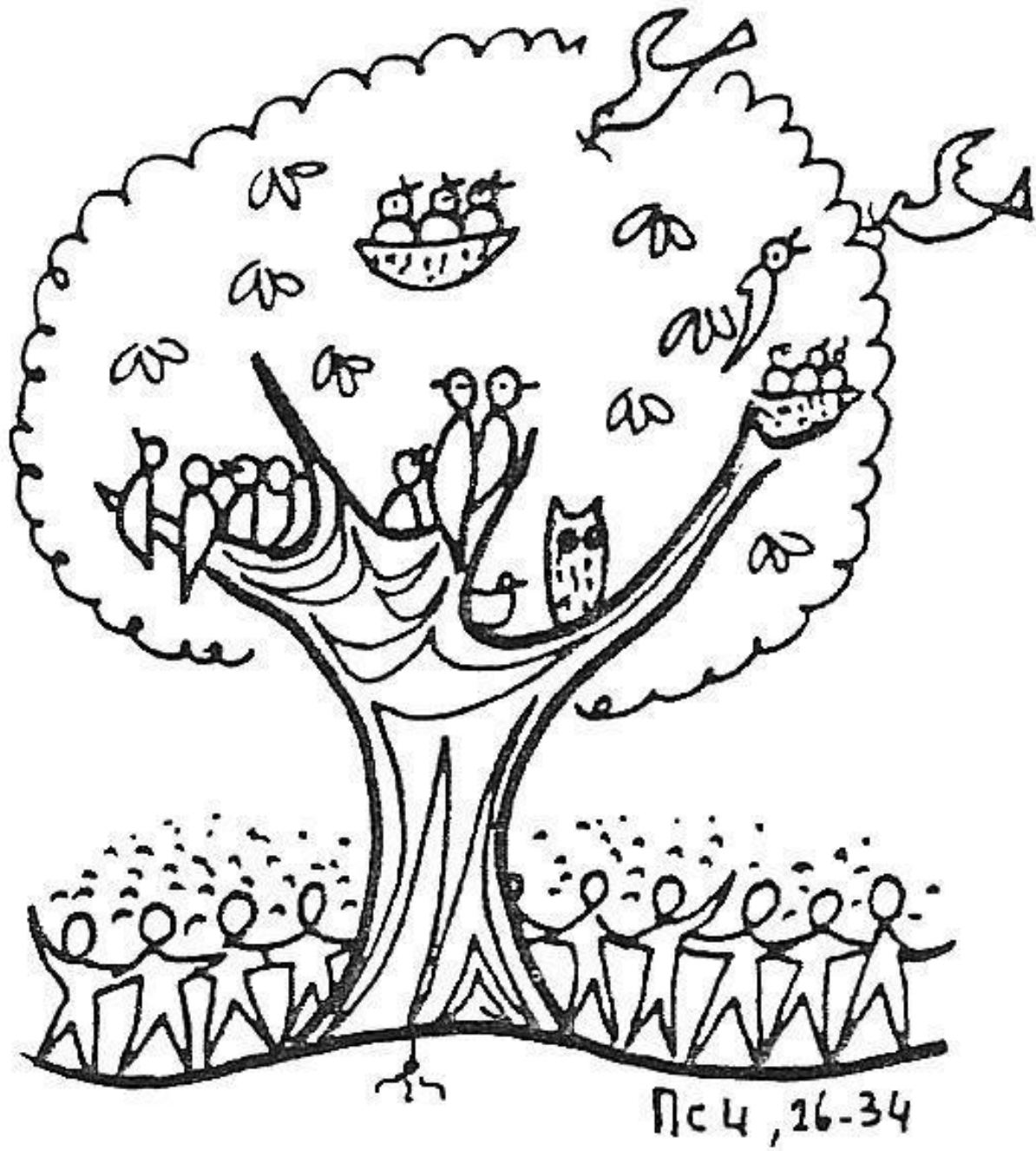
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdqeq6fNCJw> Mustard Seed Parable

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lqxwv0mE5jQ> Hungry Lion puppet surprised by how yeast grows!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiY6DD0Z7hw&ab_channel=DessButler Shows how bread rises when yeast is added

When you plant this seed, it grows and becomes one of the largest garden plants, birds can make nests in it.

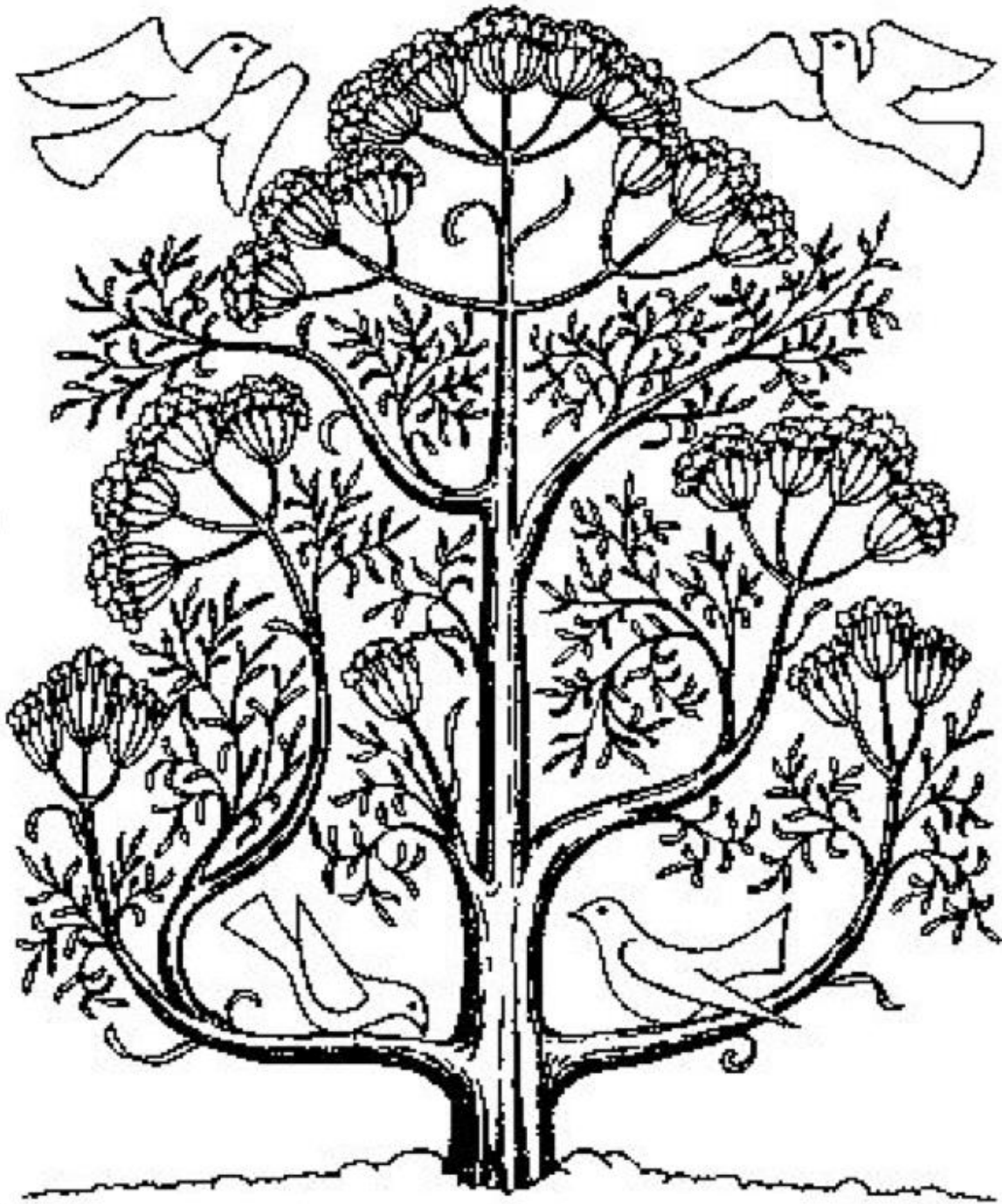
Mark 4:32



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"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which is the smallest of all seeds yet when planted it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants."

Mark 4:31 - 32



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."
 Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Mark 4:30-32

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