



Sunday 23 July 2023
 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Matthew 13:24-43

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

**GOD'S
 KINGDOM**

**From small
 to large**

Jesus tells us that heaven is like a small seed that grows into a big tree. Draw lines from the small things on the left side that grow into big things on the right.



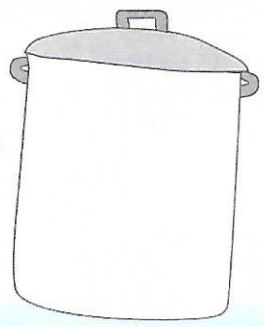
Jesus tells some stories, to explain what the kingdom of heaven is like. The kingdom of heaven might have very small beginnings, like a mustard seed, but it will grow. The seed in Jesus' story grows into such a big tree all the birds can find shelter in it. We can find shelter in God's love too, as we grow big and strong.

Making choices

Jesus says that heaven is like a field where both good and bad seed is sown. Both grow together, but, at the end, only the good harvest is collected and stored. We all do both good and bad things.

What are the good things you do?
 Draw a picture or write about them.

What are the bad things you do?
 Write them on the rubbish bin to be thrown away.



GOOD

Just like good wheat and bad weeds grow side by side in today's story, there is also both good and bad in all of us. How many times can you find the word "GOOD" in the word search? []

How many times can you find the word "BAD"? []

Which one wins, GOOD or BAD? _____

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D	G	O	O	D	O
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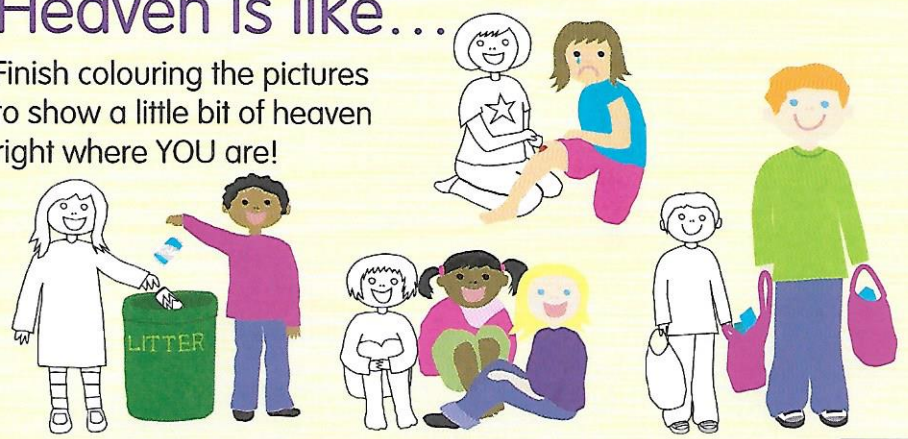


A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I know that you are helping me grow stronger in your love every day. Help me to make your kingdom real on earth by being kind to everyone I meet. Amen.

Heaven is like...

Finish colouring the pictures to show a little bit of heaven right where YOU are!



Answers: Good= 7 times. Bad= 3 times.