



YOUTH

"The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name." (Lk 1:49).

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Sunday Liturgy

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1: WIS 12:13, 16-19
 Responsorial: PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
 Reading 2: ROM 8:26-27
 Alleluia: MT 11:25
 Gospel: MT 13:24-43

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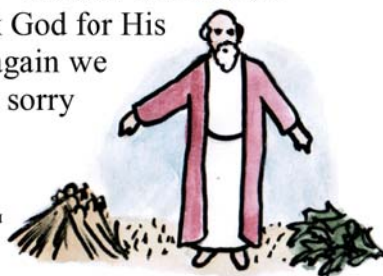
Weeds Among the Wheat



Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.

All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.

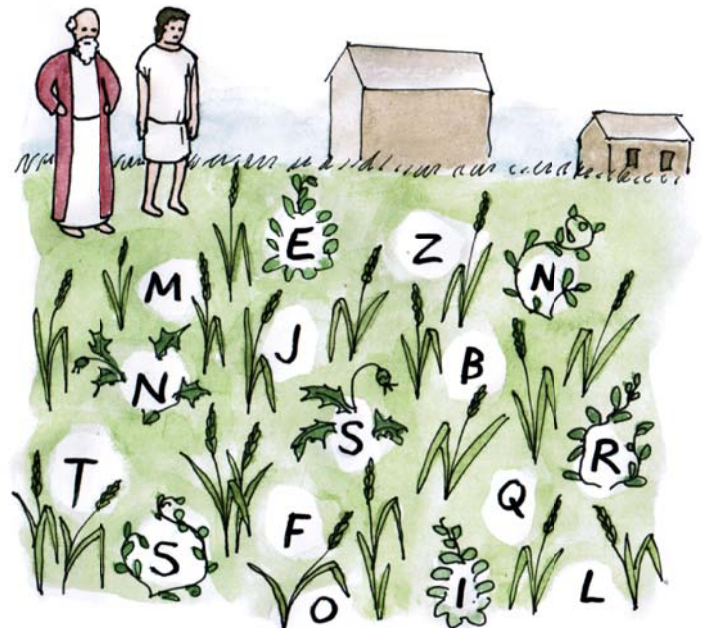


Answer to front page: sinners
 Answers for sort-out-the-pictures: top:3,6 middle:5,2 bottom:1,4 OR top:5,6 middle:4,2 bottom:1,3

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What did the weeds in today's parable represent?
 Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.

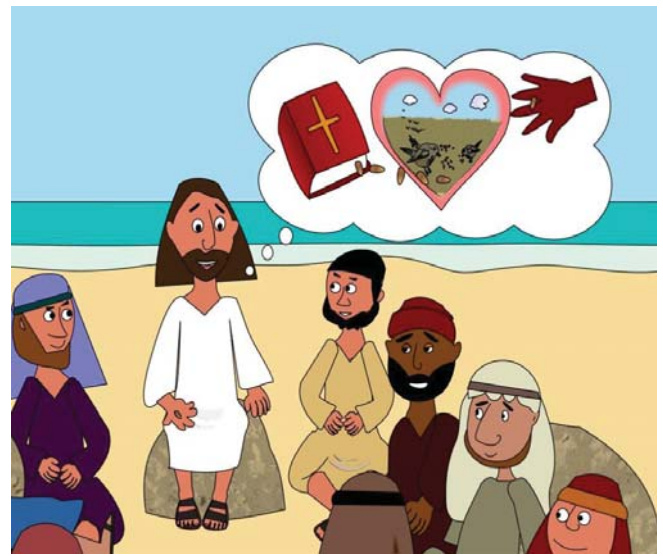


← *The weeds are any plant that doesn't look like this.*

Family Connection

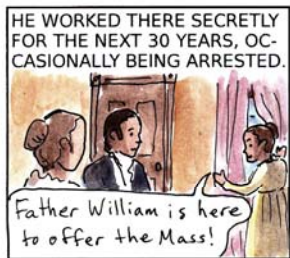
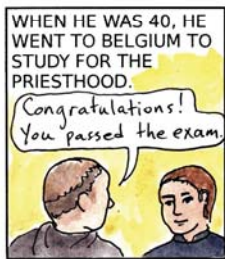
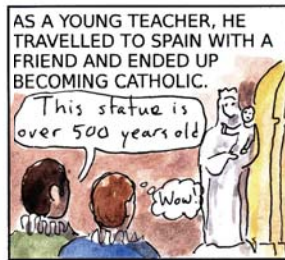
Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



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Blessed William Ward July 26



BLESSED WILLIAM CHOSE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE BEING PERSECUTED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US OF DOING WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT EVEN IF OTHERS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, TELL YOU NOT TO. YOU CAN PRAY TO BLESSED WILLIAM IF YOU NEED COURAGE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

Sort Out the Pictures: The Weeds and the Wheat

What happened in today's parable?
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes
to show the order in which the story went.

