

2. Parable of the Mustard Seed – school age

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Getting Started

Tiny Faith – Think Small

Supplies – paper, writing utensils

Number your page 1-10. Take 5 minutes to come up with an answer for each category and write it down. (Play with a parent or sibling so you can compare answers). Review your answers and see how well you did.

1. Smallest land animal
2. Smallest air animal
3. Smallest water animal
4. Smallest pet
5. Smallest plant
6. Smallest word
7. Smallest toy
8. Smallest book
9. Smallest item in the room
10. Smallest food

EXPLORE

SAY: Sometimes we don't think about the tiniest things like we discussed above. Small things aren't always noticed. Sometimes people think that they are not important to God. They want to do things to help the church but they think that the things they do are not important. They might feel they have nothing to offer. They might think I'm 'too old' or 'too young to do anything. Or the little things they do like vacuuming the floor or watering the plants isn't helpful and no one will notice.

Some of the people who followed Jesus thought those things too. Jesus wanted to teach the people something new. He wanted them to know that everything we do to help others is important. The big things are important and the little things are important. Sometimes we do a little thing and it ends up making a BIG difference.

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Jesus tells a story of a tiny seed to illustrate this point about the Kingdom of Heaven.

- Read the Bible story (Mark 4:26-34)
- [Video lesson](#)

Discussion:

1. What type of seed does Jesus refer to as the smallest seed plant?
2. What is amazing about a very small mustard seed?
3. What is Jesus saying about our faith?
4. Think about ways you can help the church and spread the love of Jesus to others.

Jesus said that the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. Faith the size of that tiny seed is all you need to start. Jesus knows we can't start out as a fully grown, two-story mustard tree. Just like the seed is planted and grows, so does our faith. Once someone has been a Christian for a while, they can tell others and share their faith with them. Then they might become a Christian too!

Just like the mustard seed, we might think our efforts look very small at the beginning but just wait – someday they can be very, very, very big! Just keep doing the little things and God will make them grow. Is anyone too old, too young, not skilled enough to help other people and the church? Of course not...remember the mustard seed!

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the small seeds of faith that will grow to help our church and bring others into the family of Christ. Amen.

Other Ideas:

- Contribute to project to help the church and our missions. Some ideas are weeding in the gardens, make gifts or cards for shut-ins or someone who is sick, donating food for the food pantry (there are collection boxes in the sanctuary), etc.
- Start some seeds and watch them grow. If you are growing vegetables, you can share your bounty with others!