

A Mustard Seed Faith

Theme

Faith in God

Object

A Bible; mustard seeds; a plant

Scripture

Luke 17:5-10

Children's Sermon: A Mustard Seed Faith (Luke 17:5-10)

Have you ever seen a mustard seed? (Pause.) The mustard seed is one of the smallest of all seeds. (Let kids pass around some mustard seeds so they can all see and feel the size.)

Some people think of faith when they think of mustard seeds. Faith is when we believe in God and His power.

- What do you know about why people use mustard seeds as a symbol of faith?

The reason some people use mustard seeds as a symbol of faith is because of something Jesus said in the Bible.

(Open your Bible.) When Jesus' friends asked Him how they could have stronger faith, Jesus said, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!" (Luke 17:5-10)

Wow! (Hold up one mustard seed and look closely at it.) Jesus said that God is so powerful that if our faith is even as small as this little seed, then we can do incredible things with His power.

Maybe we should try that. (Place the plant in front of the children.) If Jesus said we could pray and ask God to move a tree from our front yard to the sea, then we need even smaller faith to just move this plant a little bit. (Invite kids to discuss whether they can do it. If some would like to try it, then decide on where they'd like to move the plant, and lead them in all saying prayers to move the plant.)

Jesus didn't say someone with the faith of the mustard seed can move trees to the sea so that a bunch of people would start uprooting trees. That wasn't His point. He was teaching us that it doesn't take a great faith for great things to happen. Why? Because what happens doesn't depend on us, but instead on God. God has the power to do anything, and God is *for* us so we can trust whatever He does.

God, we ask for a mustard seed sized faith. Help us to believe and never doubt Your mighty power. In Jesus' name, amen.

Mustard Seed Faith Group Activities

Sermon Title: ["Mustard Seed Faith"](#)

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:5-10

FAITH BANNER: Cut a long piece of felt or cloth or even a long rectangle poster board and draw FAITH with markers going down the left side. Make an acrostic on the word FAITH.

F-antastic
A-dventure
I-n
T-rusting
H-im

Decorate the banner with stickers or sequins, etc for a wall hanging.

MUSTARD SEED NECKLACE: Draw and cut out small circle about the size of a medallion. Have children draw a mustard seed on one side (or glue on a real mustard seed if available); and on the other side of the medallion necklace, children can write: WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

SHIELD OF FAITH: Make a large shield out of poster board and have children draw a cross in the middle and write FAITH across the top and wear over their shoulders as a shield, with rope, string or yarn.

FAITH PUZZLE: Teacher can have a picture of a mustard seed and a large bush with the Bible verse printed on the picture - cut into several pieces and give one puzzle in an envelope to each child to put together and quote the Bible verse together!!

FAITH POSTER: Have the children take turns decorating a class poster that will say in large letters: FAITH IS JUST BELIEVING WHAT GOD SAID HE WOULD DO!!

CHALKBOARD FAITH: Have a child write the word FAITH as large as possible on the chalkboard. Let another child draw a TINY mustard seed in the corner and another child can draw a very LARGE MUSTARD BUSH. Each child can write their names on part of the mustard bush if they choose to have FAITH in GOD. Discuss asking God for more faith to believe and to trust because GOD HAS ALL POWER!!!

SEED RELAY: Divide the children into teams. Give each child a small broom and a "seed" to push the seed to the finish line. Let each child on both teams have a chance to push the seed with the broom.

BLOWING SEEDS: Let the children sit on one side of the table or behind a line on the floor. Children will be given a straw and when the teacher says, "GO"... the children will see who can BLOW the seed across the table the quickest... or across the finish line on the floor.

SEEDED FAITH: Provide each child with a piece of construction paper, glue and small seeds. Children can write FAITH with the glue and then sprinkle the seeds on the glue, to decorate the FAITH word. Children can then write words or phrases from the Bible verse today around the FAITH word on the paper. Children could also choose to write PRAYER with the seeds, etc.

ONLY BELIEVE WALL HANGING: Give each child a long piece of paper as a wall hanging, and words of the song, "ONLY BELIEVE". Children can tape or glue the words to the wall hanging and decorate the edges with markers. Stickers and glitter would be great to decorate the wall hanging as well!!

PRAYER CIRCLE: Let the children sit in a circle and roll or throw a seed to another classmate. When the child gets the seed, let that child pray or name a prayer request. Then he will roll or throw the small seed to another child in the circle who will do the same. Continue as time allows.

SHARE A SNACK: Strawberries (bananas or kiwi as well) with dips such as cream cheese dip or chocolate dip. Let children talk about the tiny seeds in the fruit and apply our lesson today!

Song: "Only Believe" - By Paul Rader; Arr. by Charles Kirkpatrick

[Sheet Music \(PDF\)](#)

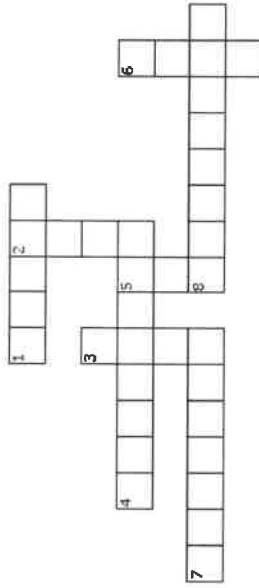
[Piano Accompaniment \(MP3\)](#)

Song: "Whisper a Prayer" - Traditional

[Sheet Music \(PDF\)](#)

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Crossword Puzzle



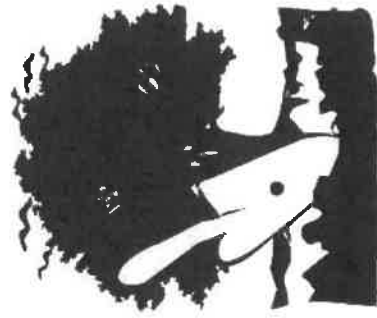
ACROSS

1. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea
4. To make greater or larger
7. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches
8. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel

mustard	tree	seed
faith	increase	sea
		obey
		apostles

DOWN

2. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves
3. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant
5. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land
6. To do what you are told or expected to do



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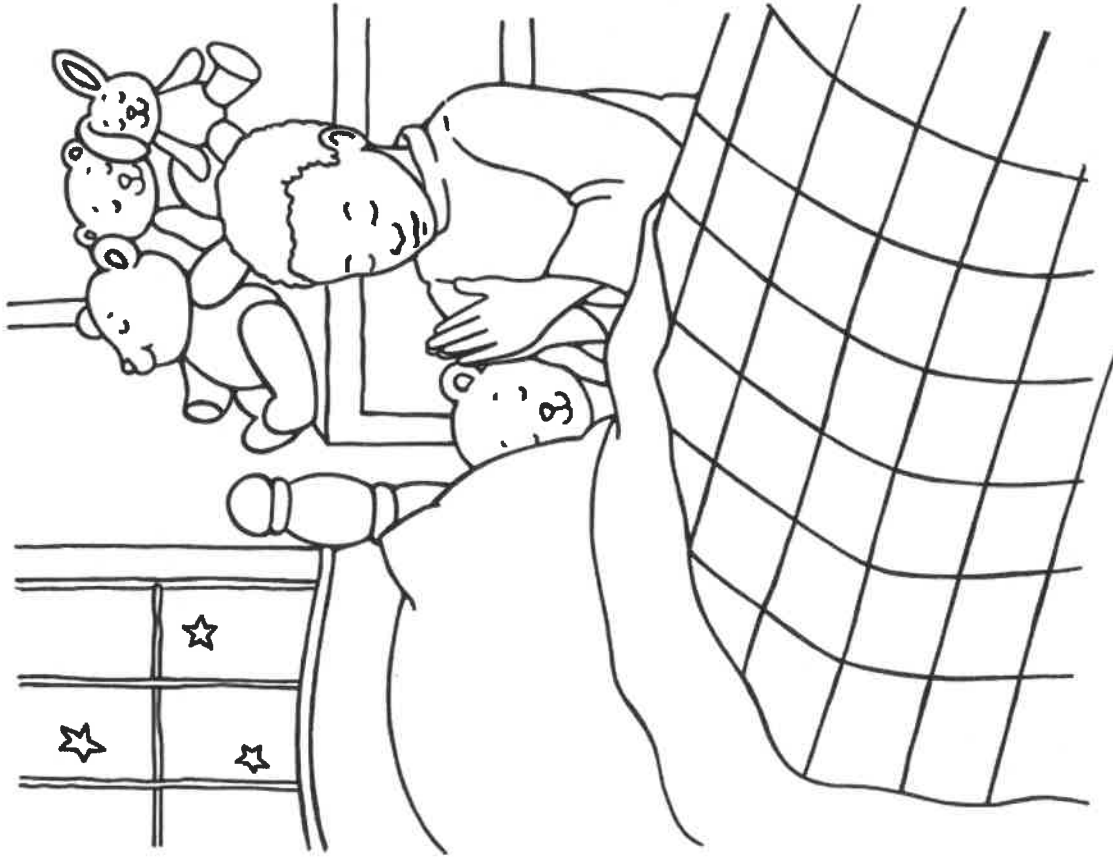
Word Search Puzzle

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X D E Z S A K D R I N K H D K

DRINK	SEA	DUTY	OBEY	APOSTLES
FAITH	EAT	INCREASE	PLANTED	SMALL
SERVANT	LORD	UPROOTED	MUSTARD	PREPARE
SEED	REPLIED	TREE	MULBERRY	SUPPER

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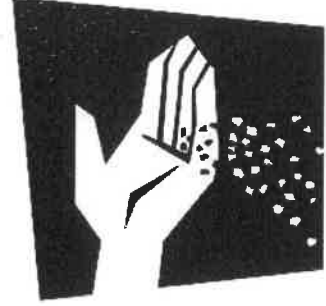
Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Q	T	S	N	O	Y	G	W	Z	I	C	F	B	J	A	D	P	U	M	H	R	K	E	X	L	V

- 17-25-15-4-2-23-16 _____
- 19-18-25-13-23-21-21-6 _____
- 3-23-23-16 _____
- 10-4-11-21-23-15-3-23 _____
- 3-19-15-25-25 _____
- 5-13-23-6 _____
- 12-15-10-2-20 _____
- 3-23-15 _____
- 19-18-3-2-15-21-16 _____
- 2-21-23-23 _____

OBEY	INCREASE	SMALL	SEED	TREE
MUSTARD	FAITH	MULBERRY	PLANTED	SEA



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Faith

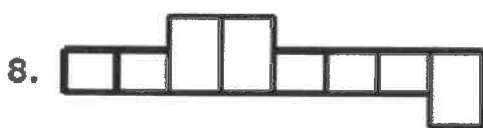
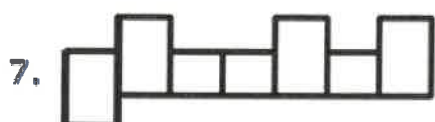
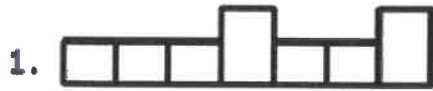
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He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



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seed	obey	planted	mustard
tree	small	mulberry	faith

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