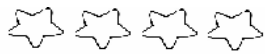


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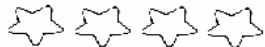
"Adding flavor and preserving tradition at the Family Table on the week of July 27th"



Your turn! Fill in the blank: The kingdom of Heaven is like ____.



FAMILY CHALLENGE



Heaven is about endings and new beginnings. Sometime this week, have an early breakfast or a late dinner and watch either a sunrise or sunset as a family.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

31He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

33He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

44"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

45"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. 47"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51"Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied. 52He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

1. In the Parable of the Mustard Seed, what did the man do with the seed?
2. How big is the mustard seed compared to other seeds?
3. What is a mustard seed like when it is fully grown?
4. Besides bearing fruit, how is a mustard seed useful?
5. In the Parable of the Yeast, what did Christ say the kingdom of Heaven was like?
6. What is like treasure hidden in a field? How?
7. Where was the treasure hidden?
8. What happened when the man uncovered the treasure?
9. How badly did the man want the treasure?
10. The kingdom of Heaven is like what else?
11. How did the man react to the discovery?
12. In the Parable of the Net, The Kingdom of Heaven was compared to a net. How was the net used?
13. What happened when the fishermen pulled the net to shore?
14. What do you think it would have been like to hear Jesus talk about Heaven?