

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Psalm 92:1–2, 12–13

2 Corinthians 5:6–10

Mark 4:30–34



We Pray

Jesus, we pray for ourselves, our families, and all people. May your love grow in our hearts. Amen.

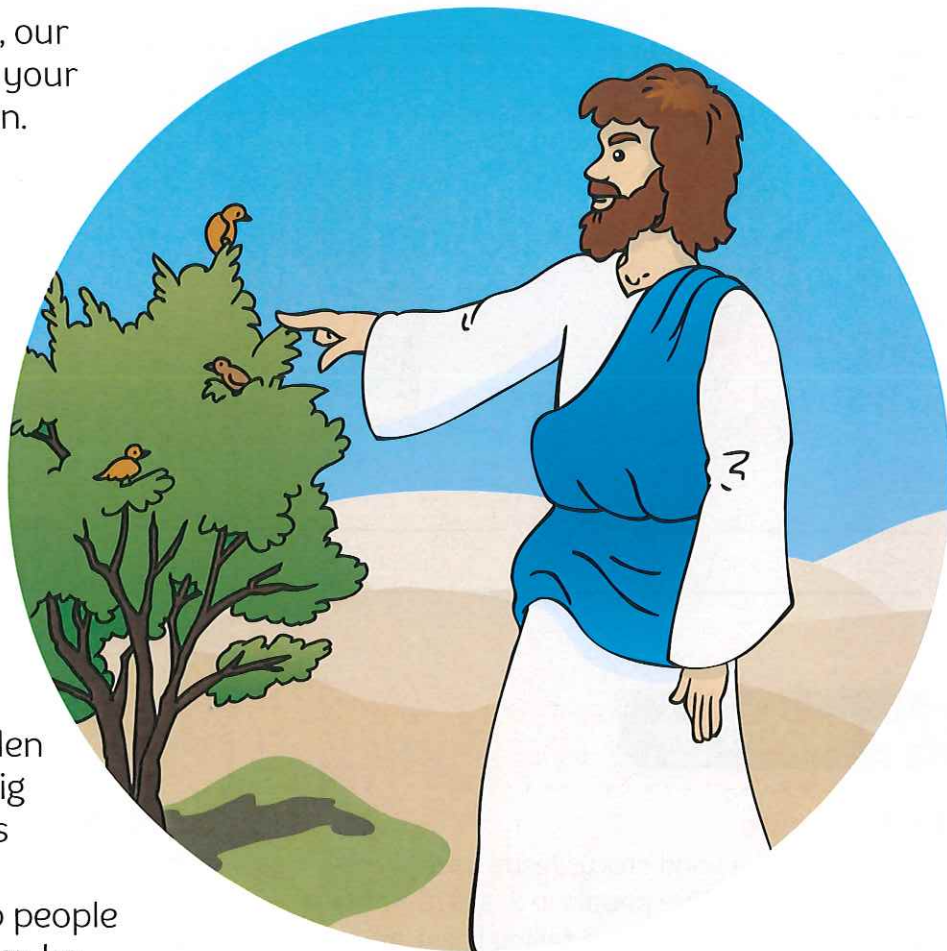


The Word of God This Week

God's Kingdom Takes Root in Our Hearts

While trying to explain what God's Kingdom is like, Jesus told the people, "It is like what happens when a mustard seed is planted. It is the smallest seed in the world. But once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. It puts out branches big enough for birds to rest in its shade."

Jesus used stories to help people understand his teaching. Later, he explained everything to his disciples.



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Activity

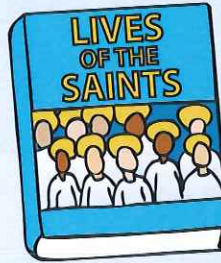
The Kingdom of God starts out in each of us as a tiny seed of faith. Each picture below represents something that helps our faith grow. On the lines below each picture, write what the picture stands for and how it helps the seed of faith grow.













Family Corner

Faith Focus

Everyone likes a good story. Jesus used stories as teaching tools. The people in Jesus' time were used to hearing stories and telling them, and so it was natural for Jesus to teach through storytelling. Jesus used events and examples from people's everyday lives to teach them about God and his Kingdom.

Family Activity

Celebrate your family heritage this week with a story-sharing evening.

- Ask each family member to tell a story that involves one or more family members, no matter what generation they were from.
- If possible, record the stories. They will become treasures to the next generation.
- Young children can participate by telling a recent story.
- End with a prayer of thanksgiving.