



**Kia inu kau ahau,
If I could just drink**
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Exploring the Gospel

A Religious Education Resource for Parishes

**Today we are going to be talking about
What's God's Kingdom like?
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark....adapted for children

**Jesus used many stories when he spoke to the people,
And he taught them as much as they could understand.
He did not tell them anything without using stories.**

Jesus said:

**God's kingdom is like what happens when a farmer
scatters seed in a field.**

**While the farmer sleeps the seeds grows. With the right soil it produces
a crop of grain.**

The mustard seed is very tiny, it grows into an enormous tree.

**The people didn't always understand Jesus, he did explain his message
to the disciples.**

Let's sit quietly now and think of the seeds growing.

Unpacking the Gospel

What does the farmer do in this story?

He scatters seed in his field.

What was the smallest seed called?



[Click on the picture and follow the link](#)

A mustard seed.

What happens to the seed? Who makes the seed grow?

The seed is God's word and if we listen to God we grow in faith.

What does this parable teach us about God's kingdom?

When we stay close to God, he will do amazing things and grow his Kingdom.

Show the children how small a mustard seed is and how large the tree it becomes.

Invite the children to say something nice to each other explain how that is a small thing but makes us feel good.

Being Kind can make a huge difference to how we feel.

It puts a smile on our faces.

God's love is beautiful and needs to be shared with others.

Who do you think you could be kind to this week?

Lets Pray;

Thank you, God, for loving me.

Teach me to love and share your love with others.

Amen



Sharing Your Faith

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46

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



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- 4-9-12-12 _____
- 8-25-5-17 _____
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TREE	JESUS	FOLLOW	COME	PHILIP
FIG	NATHANAEL	GOOD	NAZARETH	KNOW

