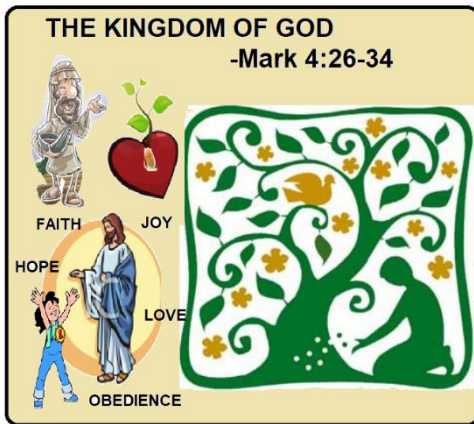


“THE KINGDOM OF GOD”

Children’s Liturgy Activity June 13th, 2021



**“Blessed are
the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.”
-Matthew 5:3**

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

In the gospel today, Jesus speaks to the crowd about how the Kingdom of God is like? Jesus used parables to preach the word. Parables are short stories, incidences etc. used to make people understand a message. It contains wisdom from heaven. To the disciples who wished to know more, Jesus explained it more when they were alone.

Through the parable, Jesus is teaching the people about the kingdom of heaven. Jesus said that the kingdom of God is like a man sowing seed on the land. It sprouts and grows gradually: first shoot, then ear, and then ripe grain. But he does not know how it grows. But when ripe, the man harvests the fruits without wasting time. Jesus also said that the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. The seed when sown is so tiny but once it is sown, it grows into the biggest shrub of them all. It gives out branches to shelter many birds.

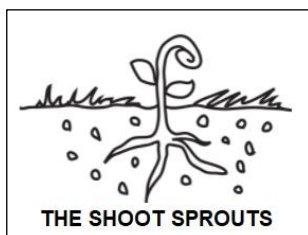
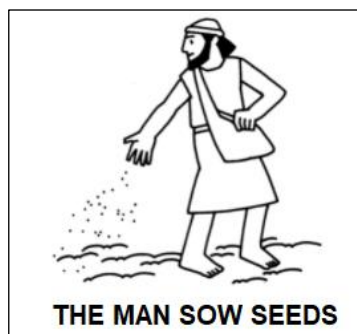
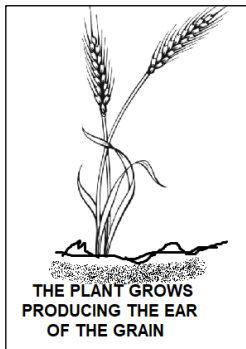
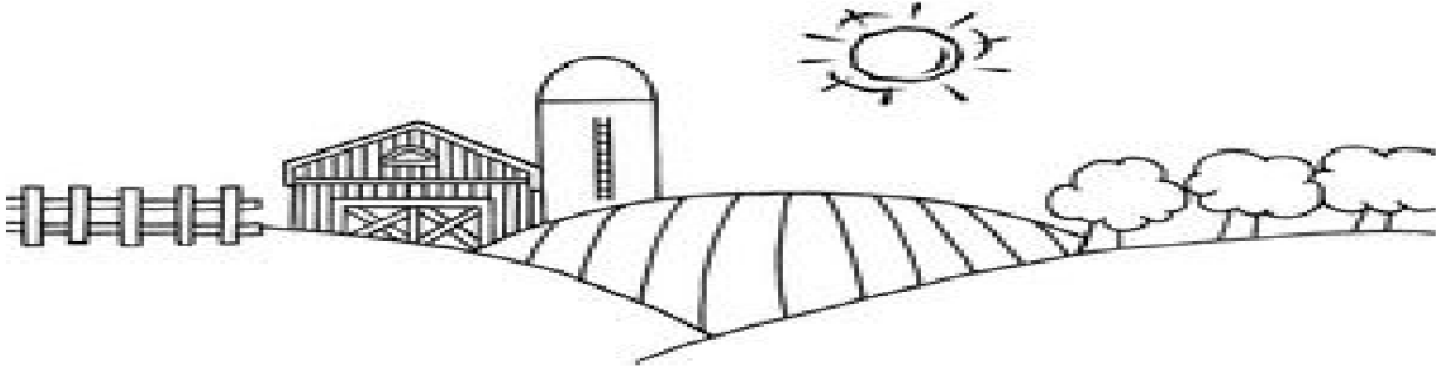
In the first parable Jesus tells us that Kingdom of God is like a man sowing seed. Jesus has sown the seed of the kingdom in our hearts. The seed grows gradually stage by stage. We may not even know how it grows. It is not by our power but by the grace of God. We must wait in faith and patience for the seed of the kingdom to grow and bear fruit for the lord in the right time when he comes to the harvest of gathering us.

In the second parable Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a tiny Mustard seed. We might not even experience the presence in the beginning. But let us realize ‘seeds are only the beginning of something big’. Like the mustard seed that gradually grows into the biggest shrub, the little things God has deposited in us will flourish in His time, as we Surrender it to God in faith and patience and allow God to use it. He will grow it for the good of many. Let us be sincere in the little things that God has given us. Can you think what little things God has blessed us with, that we can offer ?

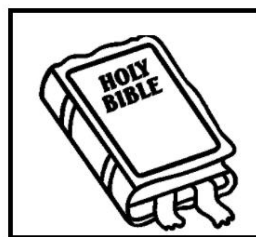
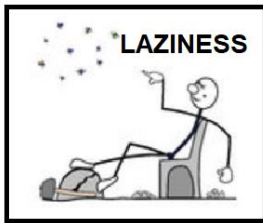
Just as the seed needs favorable conditions to grow like light, water, and nourishment, let us allow the seed of the kingdom to grow, providing the favorable conditions. Prayer, Sacraments, Life in the Holy Spirit, Charity etc. are the essential conditions that allows the Kingdom of God to grow. Every little thing counts in the sight of the lord, to grow His kingdom. So let us offer ourselves and wait in faith and patience for the lord’s time, bearing fruit for the kingdom of the lord. Let thy kingdom come, let thy will be done.

**Can you arrange 'the Parable of the Growing Seed' in the correct order?
Cut them out, colour it and stick it on the template given.**

THE PARABLE OF THE GROWING SEED



Can you colour the right ones that allows the Kingdom of God to grow in us?

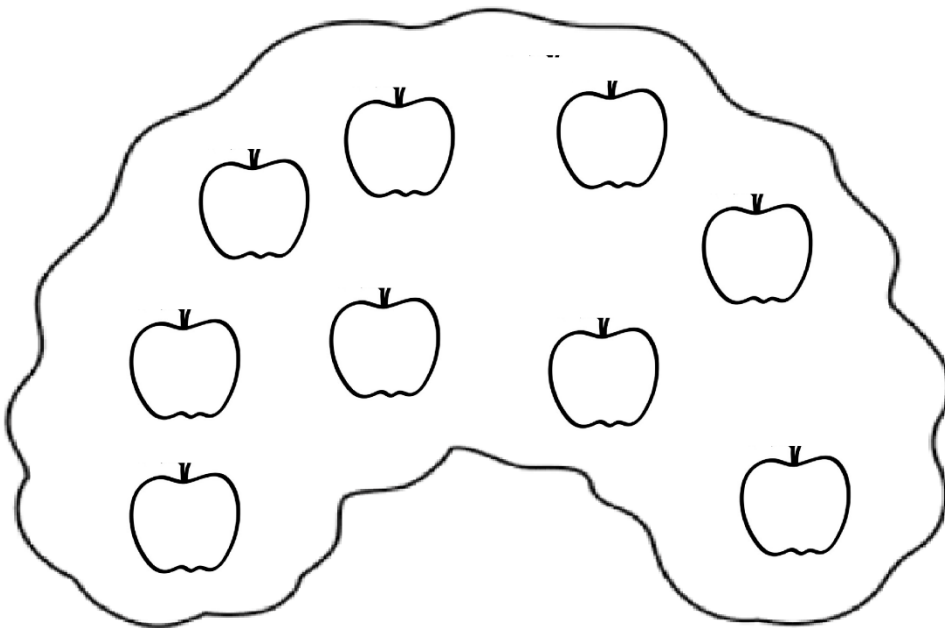
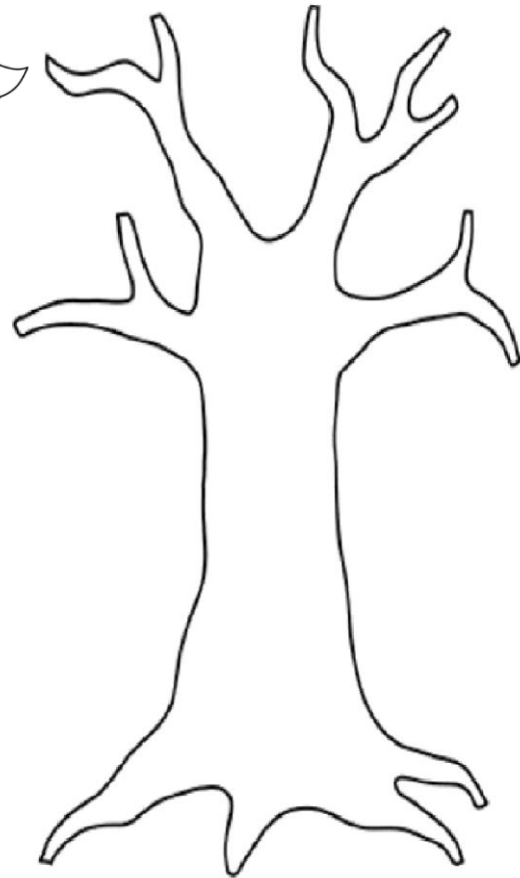
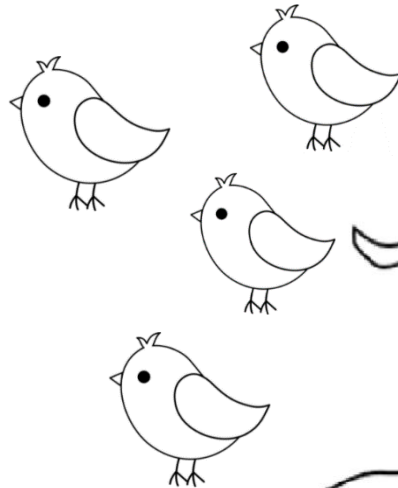


Can you complete the verses given below?

Clue: Romans 14:17

For the _____ of _____ is not _____ and _____
 but _____ and _____ and _____
 in the _____.

WRITE DOWN ON THE SEED, ALL THE LITTLE THINGS THAT YOU CAN OFFER GOD TO ALLOW KINGDOM OF GOD TO GROW AND WRITE ON THE APPLES- THE FRUIT THAT WE MUST BEAR FOR THE LORD.



In Jesus' name we pray, amen