

GOD'S LITTLE EYES AND EARS

PINEWOODS CHAPEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade." Mark 4:30-32

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When I was a young girl my Mother used to have a bracelet.

On this bracelet was a charm that was a clear plastic ball.

Inside the ball was a teeny, tiny mustard seed.

My Mom would tell me the Parable of the Mustard Seed. She would explain that Jesus was the one who sowed the seed, which represents the Gospel, starting very small but would grow to reach millions of people throughout the world, people who will enter God's Kingdom. The mustard seed was the smallest seed known at the time but it could grow into a large shrub, about 10 feet tall! The field that the mustard seed was sown in represents all the people of the earth who will receive Him. The mustard plant is rooted in Jesus Christ and has grown a large harvest, well beyond its initial planting. The birds of the air represent His faithful. The mustard plant offers those, who believe in God, a place to take refuge.

My Mom would also tell me another story, one that would make me feel special. The mustard seed is very, very small. When Jesus sowed such a small seed he could grow a large mustard bush, which gave such a bountiful harvest and was large enough to grant shelter to birds. If Jesus can sow such a small seed and grow such a large mustard plant, imagine what He can do with us? Will you let Jesus be a part of your life and help you grow?



Announcements

Sunday School still happens in the Summer! Don't miss out on a week of devotionals. If you aren't at church because you are on a fabulous holiday don't forget to pack your Family Devotional so that your kids can keep up with all the great Bible lessons!

Do you feel like you are missing some information? Are your kids coming home with all these great stories of what happened in Sunday School? Maybe you are being called to join Children's Ministry. Talk to either Tammy French or Lynn Dove-Russell to find out how to become a part of this growing ministry.

Don't forget to sign up for the digital newsletter. Save the calendar on your computer or print it out so you don't miss out on all the great Devotionals and events this summer!

Prayer Corner

**A bag full of Jelly Beans colourful and sweet
Is a prayer, a promise, and a loved one's treat**

The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED

is for the blood he gave,

GREEN

is for the grass he made.

YELLOW

is for the sun so bright,

ORANGE

is for the edge of the night.

BLACK

is for the sins we made,

WHITE

is for the grace he gave.

PURPLE

is for his hour of sorrow,

PINK

is for our new tomorrow.

Spotlight

We couldn't figure out who to Spotlight this quarter! We have grown to 35 Volunteers in the Children's Ministry! We do want to acknowledge the Registration Table Team, Geri Rounds, Sally Olley and Cindy Graham. This small team works to help ensure that your children are signed up, registered in and safely enjoying Sunday School every week.

They are the first face of contact for you. They show up early and make sure that everything is ready for you.

They help the teachers if an extra hand is needed. We have heard how great the

Registration Table Attendants are at welcoming visitors and how knowledgeable they are.

Geri Rounds, Sally Olley and Cindy Graham are this quarters spotlight stars! Thank You for all you do!

As A Family - Growing a Grass Head

You will need:
Old Nylon Stocking
Grass Seeds
Potting mix
Small yogurt or recycled container
A spoon
Scissors
A cup or mug
Thread or Rubber Band
Hot Glue

Decorations; googly eyes, pipe cleaners, felt, etc.



Step 1. Cut off an 8" section of stocking that includes the toe.

Step 2. Stretch the stocking over a cup or mug and spoon in about 2 teaspoons of grass seed

Step 3. Pack in some potting soil

Step 4. Tie a knot to close the end, do not cut the end of the stocking

Step 5. Make a nose by grabbing a bit of stocking and twisting. Tie it off with some thread or rubber band

Step 6 . Decorate! You can use googly eyes, pipe cleaners, felt. Use the hot glue to make sure the items stick when the Grass Head Family get's wet!

Step 7. Fill the container with water and put your head on top. The excess stocking will soak up the water. Put your Grass Head Family in a sunny area. Dribble a few drops of water if your Grass Head is dry.

