

BUC Children's Activities

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Matthew 13: 24-30 36-43

Jesus used another story to teach the crowd, saying, "Here is a good illustration of the culture of heaven. A farmer planted his fields with good quality seed. But that night, while all the workers were asleep, some mongrel came and dumped a load of weed seeds on the field, and then cleared off before anybody saw what had happened. So when the crop came up and the grain began to form, there were weeds coming up everywhere among it. The farmer's workers came to him and said, 'That was clean seed you sowed, wasn't it, Boss? How come we've now got weeds all through the crop?'

The farmer replied, 'Some mongrel has tried to sabotage it!'

The workers asked, 'Do you want us to get stuck in and pull the weeds out?'

But the farmer replied, 'No, it's not worth the risk. You'll uproot half the wheat crop trying to get them out. Just let them both grow together until harvest time, and then I'll tell the harvesters to pull the weeds out first and bundle them up for burning. The good wheat can then be harvested and stored in my silo.'"

Hi there!

We are still thinking about seeds and plants this week! There are three activities to help us in thinking about this plant story that Jesus told his disciples.

Outside activity

Go for a walk outside in your garden or go for a walk in a park. Take a good look at the plants you see. You might even like to draw some of them or take some photos of ones that you really like. Weeds are plants that are growing in the wrong places. Talk about weeds that might be growing in your garden. I have soursobs in my garden. They have pretty yellow flowers but I did not plant them so I don't like them. What do you do about weeds in your garden? Think about what Jesus said about weeds in this Bible story.

A craft activity

Making a mini garden.

You will need...

A small box – I used a toothpaste box

Pop sticks – I had some wide ones in my craft box but ordinary ones would do just as well.

Glue stick, scissors.

Stencils of vegetables or flowers or craft materials to make your own flowers or vegetables.

Here's what you do...

1. Decide if you are going to make a vegetable or a flower garden. If you are using the stencil, colour in the flowers or the vegetables. Colour in the weed plant.
Or make your plant from things in your craft box.
2. Cut out the plants you have coloured.
3. Glue the plant you have cut out or made onto a pop stick.
4. I made two plants and one weed but you can choose how many you would like to make..
5. Ask an adult to make 3 slits in the side of the box.
6. Poke the popstick plants into the slits.
7. Play out the story.

The vegetable garden



The flower garden



We pulled out the weed and planted a new plant. But what did Jesus say to do with the weeds?

Here is wheat story ...

You probably know the story of The Little Red Hen and the grains of wheat but you might enjoy this version of it. What did the good seeds grow into? How did Little Red Hen use them? What do you think about the way the other animals behaved?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vL9a8JAlqnc>

I hope that you enjoy doing this week's activities.

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