

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

11th June 2021

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary Time)

Place a cross, bible and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



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<https://ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/faith-of-a-mustard-seed-lesson.jpg>

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver:

Today, Jesus shares the story of the mustard seed being the smallest of seeds that can grow to be a big tree.

Opening prayer: God almighty, we pray that can be inspired to share your word and plant seeds of faith in others so that they may grow to know you more. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (4:30-34)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus said: “What is God’s kingdom like? What story can I use to explain it? It is like what happens when a mustard seed is planted in the ground. It is the smallest seed in the world. But once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. It even puts out branches that are big enough for birds to rest in its shade.”

Jesus used many other 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. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the video together

The Mustard Seed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF4mdnO4GMc>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder what God’s kingdom is like...

I wonder why Jesus talked about a mustard seed...

I wonder how the mustard seed is like the kingdom of heaven...

I wonder what other stories Jesus told were about...

I wonder why Jesus told stories when he spoke to people ...

I wonder how the disciples were feeling when Jesus explained everything to them...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVkJGQ> (4 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.

(We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders: that they will grow in wisdom and care, for the communities they lead.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for the children and families who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation, that their hearts will grow, like the mustard seed, in faith, hope and love.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray that members of our Church will spread your word, so that it can reach all those who may need the gift of faith, love, and hope.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for all people who have died recently and or, are suffering at this time, may they find comfort and peace.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: We lift up our prayers to you, Lord God and continue to guide us throughout our lives so that we can grow in virtue. Amen.

Closing song: *The Smallest Seed- Two by Two* (3.09mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Mh0UDubiik>

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**

Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).

- **Seed Art**

Discuss and think about the beautiful tree the mustard seed will grow into. Create your own mustard seed art using seeds! <https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/seed-mosaic.html>

- **Mustard Seed Colouring In**

<https://whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/parable-mustard-seed-coloring-page/>

- **Family Connection**

With your family, *together think of a specific action that you can do to assist a person in your extended family, neighbourhood, or parish.* <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/11thsundayinordinarytimebsundayconnection/>