

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR 6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 19th JULY 2020

Getting Started



Take a look at these pictures. Can you work out which are weeds and which are flowers? It can be tricky to tell them apart, sometimes weeds can look like flowers. (The weeds are picture 1, Rosemary willowherb and picture 4 a dandelion).



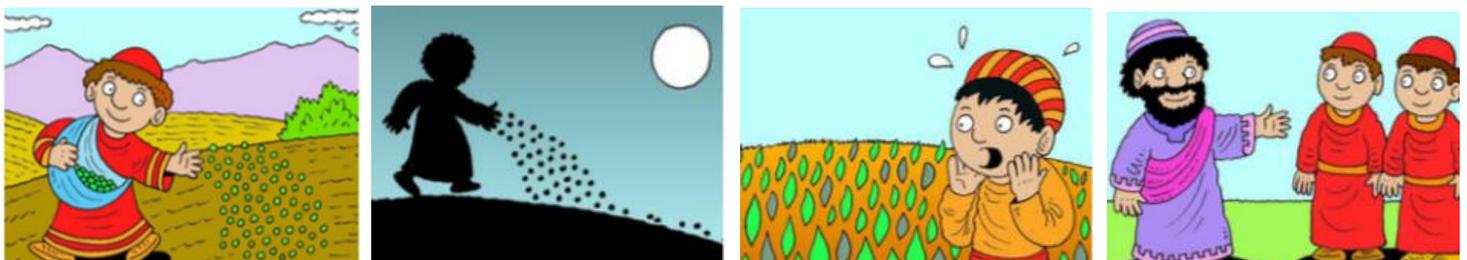
Here are two pictures of flowers, one of these is perfectly fine to touch, look at, or even eat, picture 1. The other is poisonous and will make you very sick if you eat it, picture 2 (*Poisonous hemlock*).

And here are two pictures of bee's that look the same, but one is the African killer bee (picture 3) and the other the honey bee (picture 4).

It's difficult for us to tell just by looking at something whether it is good or bad, if we don't have the right information or knowledge.

In today's story Jesus talks about how some weeds got mixed in among good seeds. It is another one of Jesus's parables, these are stories Jesus told about everyday situations to teach his friends important lessons about God.

The Story



Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. 'While the farmer slept and before his seeds even had a chance to grow, an enemy scattered weed all over the farmer's newly sown fields. When the new shoots appeared the farm workers saw that many of the new plants were poisonous weeds and wanted to pull them out. They went and asked the farmer what to do. "Let them all grow together," said the wise farmer. "Pulling out the weeds will damage the young wheat plants. We will wait and sort them out at harvest time."



When the useless weeds and the good wheat were fully grown and the wheat was ready to harvest, it was easy to tell the weeds from the wheat. “Before we harvest the wheat, pull out the poisonous weeds and burn them and then we can save the good wheat,” said the farmer, “and store it safely in my barn.” In this story the farmer is God and the field is the world. He allows good and bad to exist together in this world.

Thinking About It

This parable might seem a bit strange, normally we pull up weeds before they grow too big. The farmer in this story told the workers to wait, and let him decide which plants should be kept and which got rid of. This might seem a little confusing. The disciples thought so, too!

Jesus used this story to teach us about the kingdom of God. He tells us that good and bad exist together in the world, even in the same people. We can't look at people like we do plants, and say, 'this is a good one and that's a bad one.' Actually, we may do that sometimes, though we shouldn't! God sees both the good and the bad in all of us. Jesus also makes it clear that it's not our job to try to decide who are the good people and who are the bad people. Our job is to show the love of Jesus to everyone and leave it to God to separate the good from the bad.

Activities



Find your way through the field without treading on the wheat.



Use the clues to complete the four words which make a quote from the Bible passage.

---	Song from the film <i>Frozen</i> '___ it go'
----	Bo + th
----	Get bigger
-----	gthotere = Unscramble the letters

Prayer

Dear God, help us not to worry too much about who is good and who is bad. Help us to show the love of Jesus to everyone. In Jesus' name. Amen