

# Parable of the Mustard Seed



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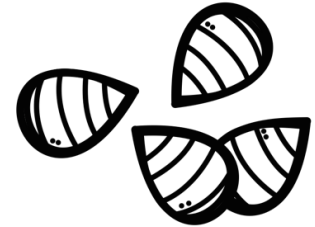
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Have you ever seen a mustard seed? They are some of the smallest seeds on earth. A mustard seed is so tiny that if you were to accidentally drop one, you might not be able to find it. Even though the mustard seed is very small, it grows into a large tree once it has been planted. One day, Jesus was out walking with his disciples. He turned to them and told them this parable:



“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

What did Jesus mean by this? How can a seed be like the Kingdom of Heaven? When Jesus first began his holy mission on Earth, he did not have any followers. One day, Jesus called to some men who were fishing. These men listened to Jesus and they soon began to follow Him.



Over time, more and more people began to hear the Good News about Jesus. They too wanted to follow Him. The people who followed Jesus wanted to share with others the Good News as well. They started to tell their friends and family about Jesus. As more and more people began to follow Jesus, the Kingdom of God began to grow. Every follower of Jesus is a part of the Kingdom of God. When we share the Good News about Jesus, we are helping to grow God’s kingdom.

Imagine that someone has never heard of God’s Kingdom. How could you teach that person about God so that His Kingdom will grow?

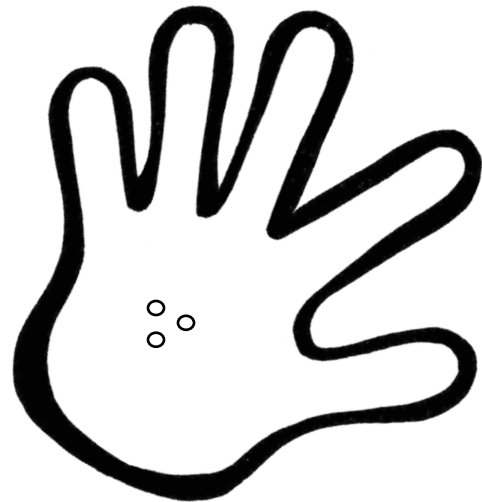
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# Let's Make Connections!

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My mustard seed illustration

Jesus told his disciples that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed. As more and more people believe in God and share in the Good News, the Kingdom of God will grow, just like a small seed that has been planted in the ground can grow into a large tree. When we share the Good News about Jesus with others, we are helping to make God's kingdom grow, too.

Jesus also told his disciples that the only thing we need is a tiny mustard seed of faith. What Jesus means is that we can start with just a little faith in God. The more we pray, read the Bible, and share the Good News of God, the more our faith will grow. Each time someone believes in Jesus, they are planting their tiny mustard seed of faith.

How can you help God's Kingdom to grow?

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It only takes a tiny bit of **faith** to start growing the Kingdom of God.

# Planting My Mustard Seed of Faith

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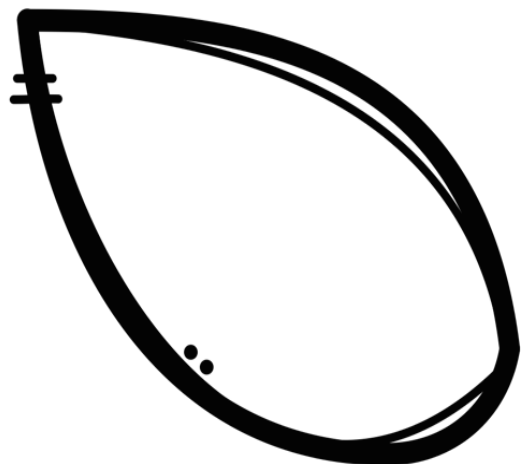
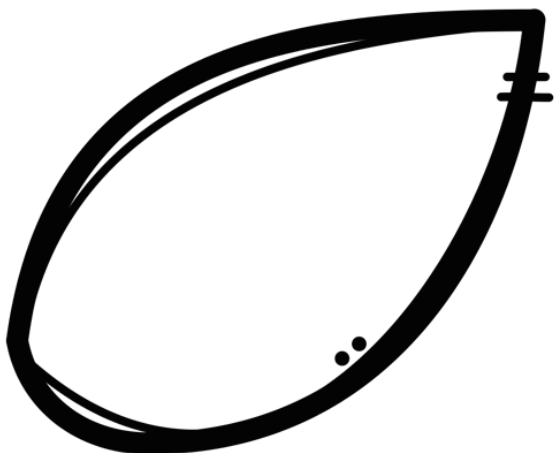
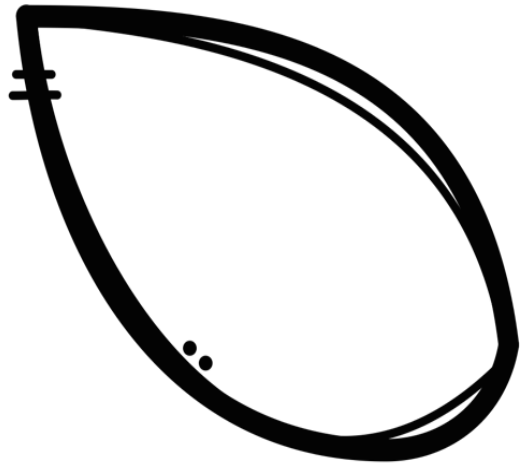
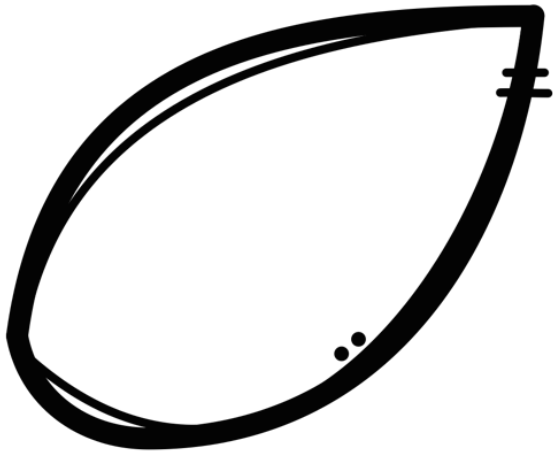
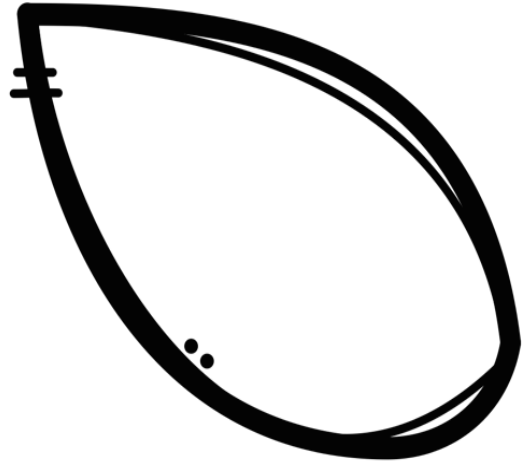
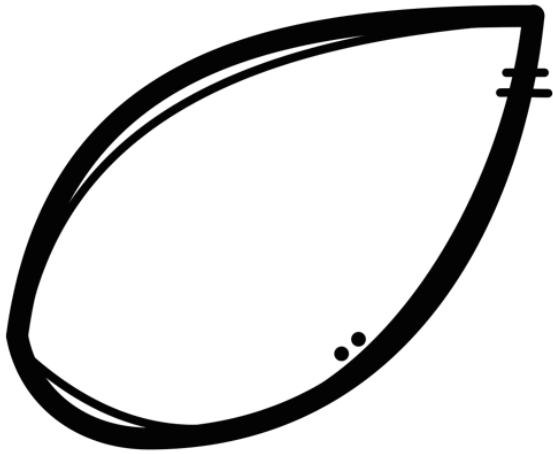
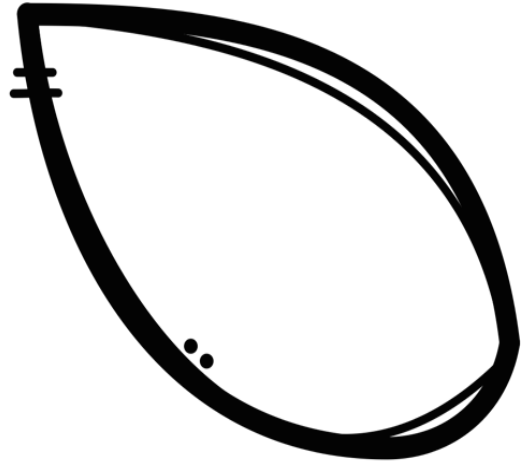
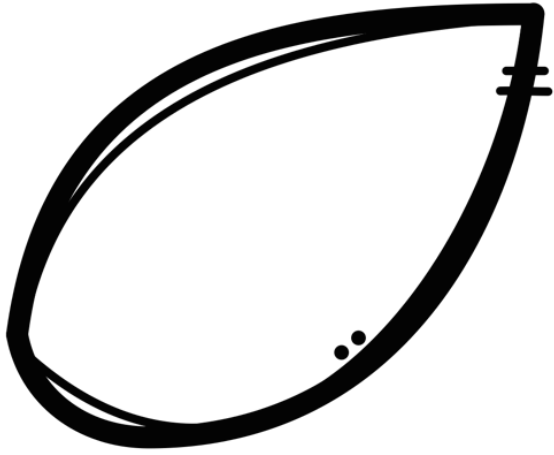
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In the space below, create your own mustard tree. This tree represents your faith in God. On the trunk of this tree, add \_\_\_ leaves. On each leaf, write one way that you can grow your faith in God.



# I can grow my faith by...

Leaf template



# Word Search Puzzle

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Use the word bank below to help you look for hidden words in the word search below. The words may be found up-and-down, side-to-side, or diagonal.

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O	A	B	L	W	F	A	I	T	H	R	E	I	E	T

### Word Bank

MUSTARD	MARK	DISCIPLES	TINY
GOD	GROW	GOSPEL	LUKE
SEED	PARABLE	MATTHEW	TREE
FAITH	KINGDOM	BELIEVE	TEACH
NEW TESTAMENT			





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