



ALL SAINTS FOURWAYS GARDENS



JUNE 2021

THEME: God is in the small things

Mark 4: 30-32

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ Again Jesus said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED BOTTLE

What you need:

- Small craft bottle
- Print out of Mustard Seed parable – Mark 4:30-32 (small enough to fit in the bottle)
- A mustard seed
- Pencil
- Piece of ribbon

What to do:

Cut out the parable and roll it around a pencil so that it is curled enough to put it in the bottle.

Put a mustard seed into the bottle. Tie the ribbon around the neck of the bottle to decorate it.

Give to a friend who is feeling discouraged or going through a tough time to remind him or her that with God small can be big and a little can go a long way.

Talk about:

Jesus told the parable of the tiny seed growing into the tree to describe how God's kingdom will grow. Talk about how God's kingdom can be like a tree – it doesn't even have to be a particularly grand or beautiful tree!

SEED MATCHING

What you need:

- A selection of seeds
- Pictures of plants they produce
- Small bowls (enough for the different varieties of seeds)

What you do:

Attach the pictures of the mature plants to each bowl.

Participants should think and decide which seed matches which adult plant. Vote by placing the seed in the relevant bowl. (Make sure younger children do not try and eat the seeds.)

Talk about:

Just because seeds are small doesn't always mean the adult plant is small. The food store tells you how deep the seed can be planted. Small seeds should generally be planted close to the surface of the soil, while big seeds can be planted deeper in the soil. Talk about what kind of person you might grow into. Are you limited by your upbringing or your genes? What affects how you grow?

DEFEAT GOLIATH GAME

You will need:

- Paper cup/polystyrene cup/plastic cup
- Balloon
- Scissors
- Sellotape
- Polystyrene ball/scrunched up paper/ping pong ball



What you do:

Tie a knot at the end of the balloon

Cut off the top of the balloon. The cut off portion should be about half the size of the bottom of the cup – it needs to stretch tightly.

Carefully cut away the bottom of the cup – you might need to get an adult to do this so that you don't cut yourself.

Gently stretch the balloon over the bottom of the cup – pull it up as far as possible. Tape it to the cup so that it does not come off.

To shoot, simply place the ball/paper in the cup, pull the end of the balloon back and release it. The ball/paper should fly out of the cup. The more upright you hold the cup the higher the ball/paper will fly.

Draw Goliath on an A4 sheet of card. Roll another sheet of paper into a tube and use sellotape to secure it. This will enable Goliath to “stand”.

The aim of the game is to see if you can shoot Goliath and knock him over. You can have teams and see how many times you can knock him over in a set time. The team that gets the most hits wins.

Talk about:

David was small in the face of Goliath. Yet God used David to defeat the mighty Philistines. Talk about the “giants” in your life, and how they make you feel. What difference does it make knowing that God is in the little things?

EGG NESTS

What you need:

- Chocolate (cooking chocolate melts easily)
- Pot of freshly boiled water
- Bowl (that will fit over the pot)
- Teaspoon
- Paper muffin cases
- Rice crispies
- A selection of edible seeds
- 2 or 3 mini-eggs



What you do:

Melt chocolate and add to rice cereal and seeds to create a nest in the muffin case. Add small chocolate eggs.

Talk about:

Talk about where different birds might build their nests. Where would you feel safe to build a nest?

MESSAGE:

Click <https://youtu.be/e7Q2p43iZBI> to watch the Bible Story (8 minutes).

Or visit our website: <https://www.allsaints.co.za/church-services/> and scroll down to the Messy Church section.

Enjoy a meal together and talk about one thing that stood out for you.

We hope you have enjoyed Messy Church in a Bag with us this month.

Please join us again on Sunday 10th July at 3pm.

Remember to sign-up on the church website beforehand.

With love from

The All Saints Messy Church Team