C4K/Little Saints-Sunday 21st June 2020

Week 13: The Parable of the Yeast

Based on Mustard Seeds Parables of the Kingdom

Memory verse: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

Story: Matthew 13:33-35 The Parable of the Yeast

Bible verse: https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13%3A33-35&version=NIV

Kids talk: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lgxwv0mE5jQ

Game:

Play Pokémon or Top Trumps if you have the cards, otherwise print off the Top Trumps animal cards and cut up, play the game following the instructions https://hubpages.com/games-hobbies/printable-trump-card-game

<u>OR</u> Pick some superhero powers (x-ray vision, flying, super strength etc) Which one would you like to have and why? Which one would be the most powerful if it was real?

In todays' true story from the bible we are going to see what Jesus said the most powerful force in the world is and why it is more powerful than any superpower or animal.

Experiment: follow the instructions on PDF to do your own experiment. If you don't have the equipment or time, see this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qoxY0z8ukUQ

Yeast is very small. In the story today, the woman hid a small amount of yeast in lots and lots of flour. This had a great impact and the dough rose. The Kingdom of heaven might seem small, but it is powerful.

<u>Discuss:</u> The story so far: Lesson 1 The gospel message produces 4 responses. Only God can change people's hearts to accept him. Lesson 2 Weeds and wheat, Christians and non-Christians will be mixed in the world. When Jesus returns he will gather those who trust him and reject those who do not.

- -Yeast is such a small living thing but it can have such a great impact, what does yeast do?
- -What is the most powerful thing in the world? (the Kingdom of Heaven)

Watch a video about how one of Jesus' enemies became his friend. The conversion of Saul:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIXFy3zjJh4

- -Can people change? Can we change?
- -What is the Kingdom of Heaven able to change? (people's hearts, families, societies, and the world)
- -Discuss how the process of being taught the bible can, by the power of the spirit, change people. Can you think of examples to share with your child? Just like yeast can change a whole batch of dough.

K-6: Watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XX-aAg4 U2Q (bible project, video about parables)

This parable today is about 'The surprise of God's kingdom'. Jesus is announcing God's kingdom arriving, is this the kingdom people expected? What did they expect?

K-6: Jesus' parables also show us 'The upside-down values of the Kingdom'- can you name a parable that shows this?

K-6: Jesus' parables also show us 'God's Kingdom requires a decision'- which parable shows this?

K-6: Why did Jesus speak in parables? How can they be useful for us today?

<u>Application & prayer:</u> Lord God help us to hear your word each day and by your spirit change us and others, just like a whole batch of dough is changed by the yeast. **Hear more about this upside-down kingdom at HAWK!**

<u>Play:</u> Make some bread using the recipes attached in the email or watch this video for an easy bead in a bag recipe https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8mFBmM7m-M. Compare flat bread and fluffy bread.

<u>Print and make:</u> Activity B, print off a bookmark and decorate it. Colouring-in. Worksheets exploring other parables.

Worksheets are emailed each week. If you'd like to be added to our mailing list please email office@waitaraanglican.com.au