



Family Worship Guide 19

Parable of the Yeast

Read Scripture Out Loud Together

The scripture today is only one verse. Read Matthew 13:33 out loud, and leave your Bible open to look back at it as you go through the activities.

M-A-T-H ... That's a Heavy Subject!

What does 60 pounds look like? If you have a bathroom scales, weigh each one of the kids. Then, work on deciding what would be heavier or lighter—the kid or the flour. Or, if you have a new 5-pound bag of flour (or sugar), 60 pounds would weigh as much as 12 of these! 60 pounds of flour ... that's a lot of flour! That's how much flour the woman in Jesus' parable used to make her bread.

If you made bread out of 60 pounds of flour, how many loaves do you think it would make? How many people do you think it would feed?

If you'd really like to do some math, 5 pounds of flour will make 8 loaves of bread. Now, figure out how many loaves 60 pounds of flour will make.

About 96 loaves is how much 60 pounds of flour would make! 96! To make all those loaves of bread, though, it would only require 3 cups of yeast. That's not very much at all compared to how much flour is needed! The amazing thing is that you CANNOT make fluffy bread without that little bit of yeast. It will turn out like a cracker, instead of light and airy bread.

Talk Time

96 loaves of bread would probably give everybody in the woman's little village at least one piece of bread ... maybe 2 or 3. Everyone would know her by the bread she gave them.

- What do you think the villagers might say when they passed the lady on the street? (“Hey, there's that sweet lady who gave me delicious bread.”)

Jesus' parable (story with a meaning) said that the Kingdom of God is like the little bit of yeast. The Kingdom of God is not something far away. When you have God living in you by believing that Jesus died to be your Savior, then you are part of God's kingdom right here on earth, right now.

- What do you think this parable means?
- People would've known the woman because of her kind deed. Giving someone one piece of bread is not very much, but it would make a big impact. People would remember, and they would always have good feelings about the woman ... because she gave them one slice of bread.

•You are like the little bit of yeast. The flour needed the yeast to make bread. Even if you do something that feels like nothing at all, it's just something small, you never know how the person you do it for will need your gift. The small things you do in Jesus' name—because you want to serve God—can make a huge difference in someone else's life.

•What would you want to do if someone did something nice for you out of the blue? Would that challenge you to try to figure out how you could pass that on to someone else? If that's what you want to do, then you're being yeast. You are spreading the love of the Kingdom of God.

Challenge

Think about what is happening around you. How can you be part of showing the people around you—neighbors, friends, classmates, family—how God is present with His followers?

In the Kitchen

This would be the perfect opportunity to fix some cinnamon rolls—from the can or from scratch. Can you imagine making 96 batches and giving them to everyone in your neighborhood? If you'd like to make cinnamon rolls from scratch ... they're really not that hard ... check out this recipe.

1-Hour Cinnamon Rolls Recipe

Enjoy the smell of the yeast!

<https://www.gimmesomeoven.com/1-hour-easy-cinnamon-rolls-recipe/>

Prayer

Dear God. Help me to be yeast and do my little part of loving others so that more and more people will know about You. Let me feel Your Kingdom inside me this week. Amen.

