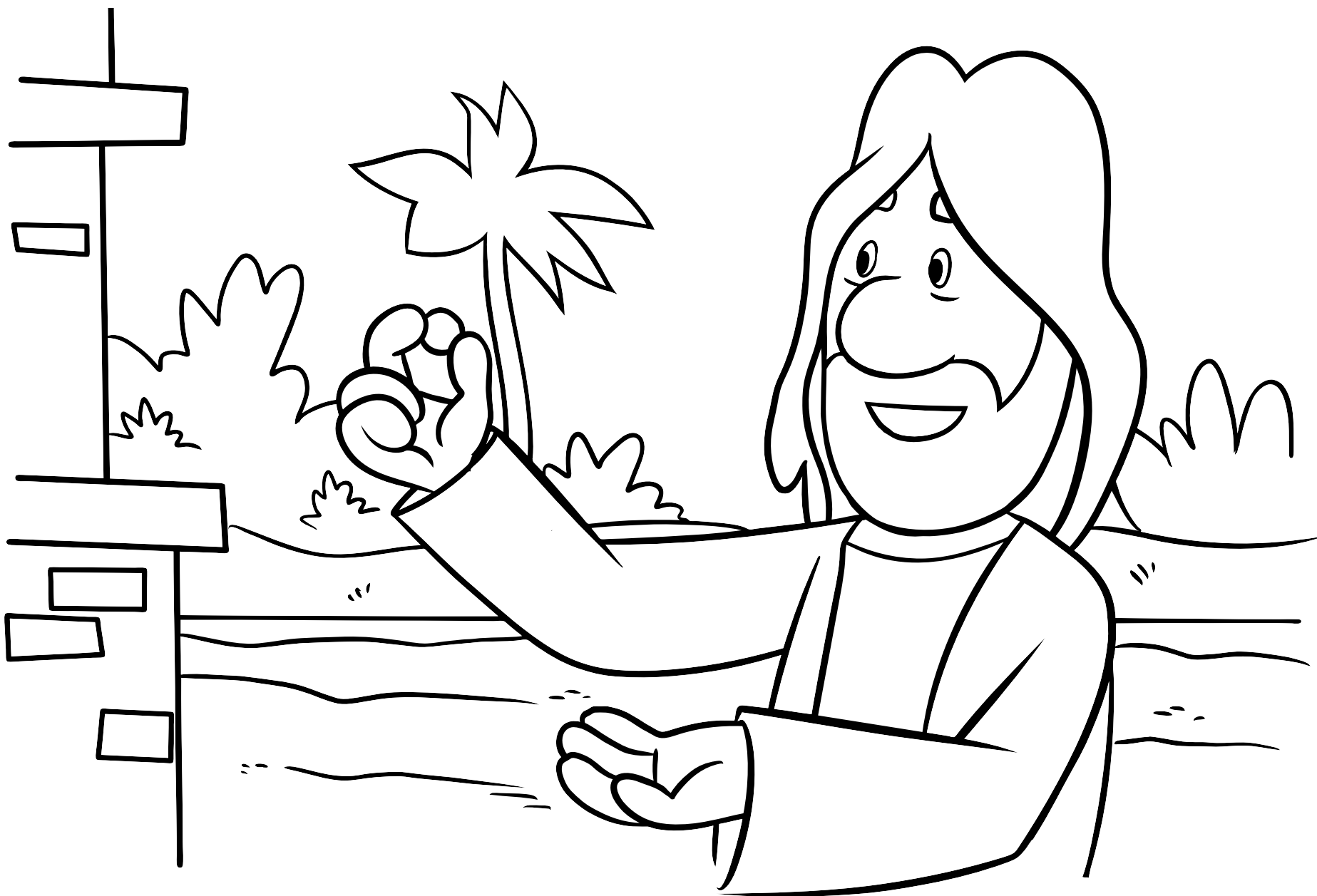




Jesus told parables to teach people about the Kingdom of God.
In one famous parable, he said that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed -
it will start small and then grow! (Mark 4:30-32)

Mustard Seeds and Yeast

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Complete the activity. If you need help, you can find the answers in Matthew 13:31-35. (NIV)

A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

He told them another _____: "The kingdom of _____ is like a _____ seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the _____ of all _____, yet when it grows, it is the _____ of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the _____ come and perch in its branches."

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like _____ that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of _____ until it worked all through the _____."

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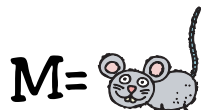
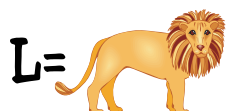
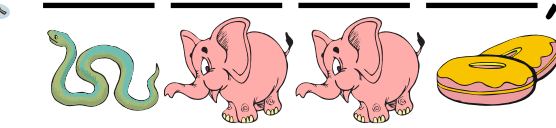
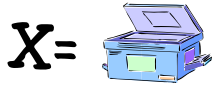
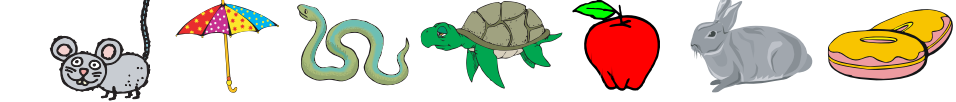
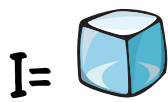
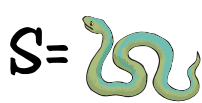
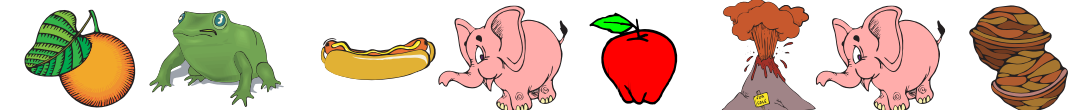
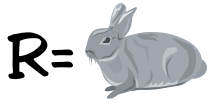
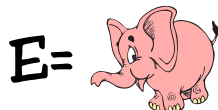
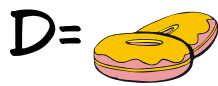
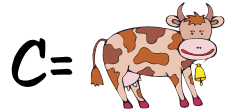
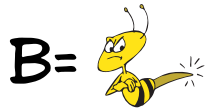
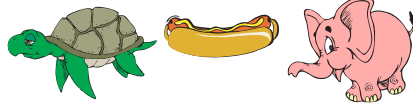
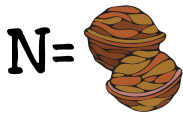
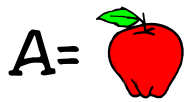
"I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

Matthew 13:31-35 (NIV)

dough	flour	yeast	mustard	heaven
birds	parable	seeds	smallest	largest

Break The Code And Discover The Hidden Bible Verse

Using the code breaker below, decipher the message from the Bible

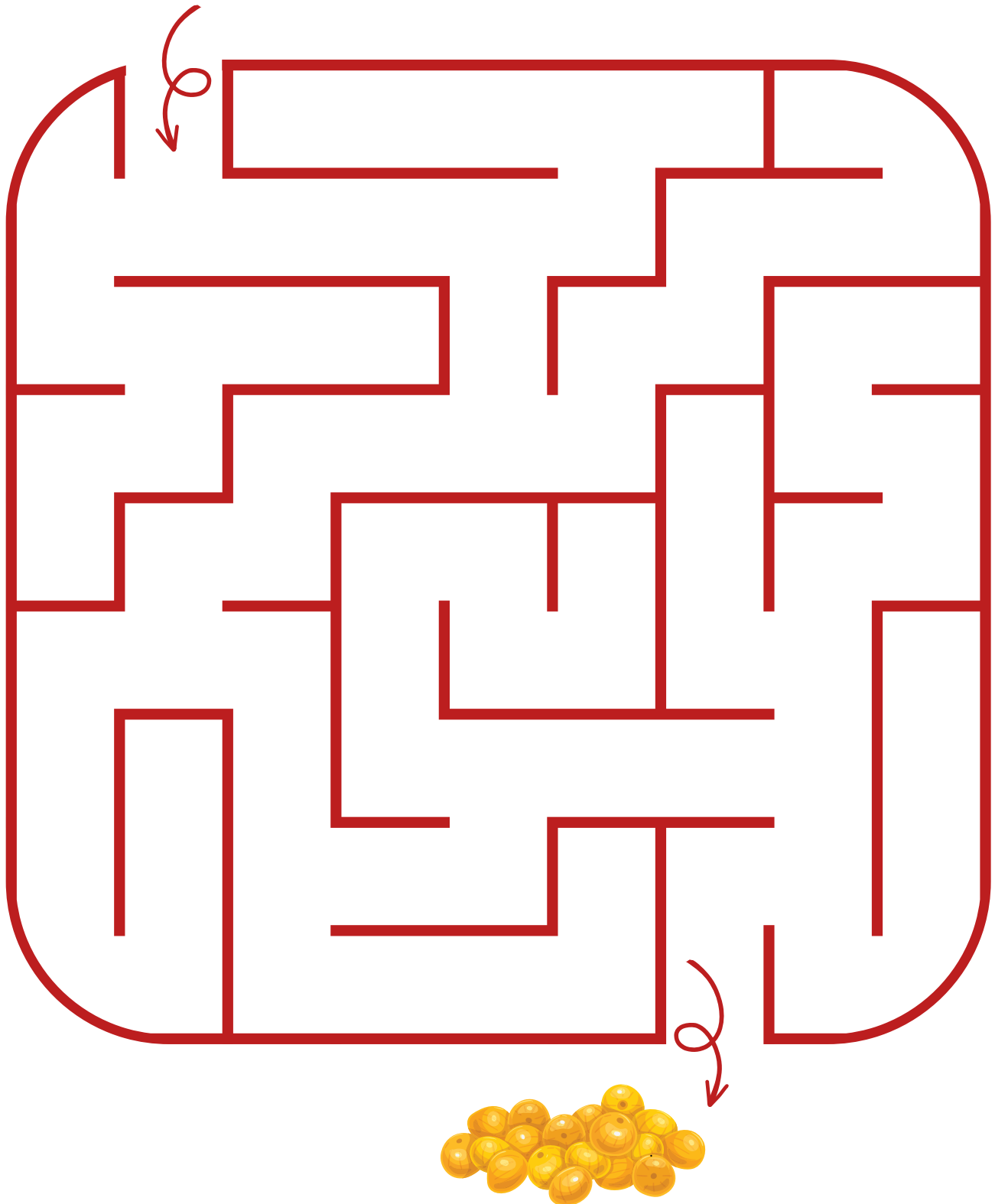


How big is the seed?

Why is it like the kingdom of heaven?

The Mustard Seed

Can you find the way out of this maze?



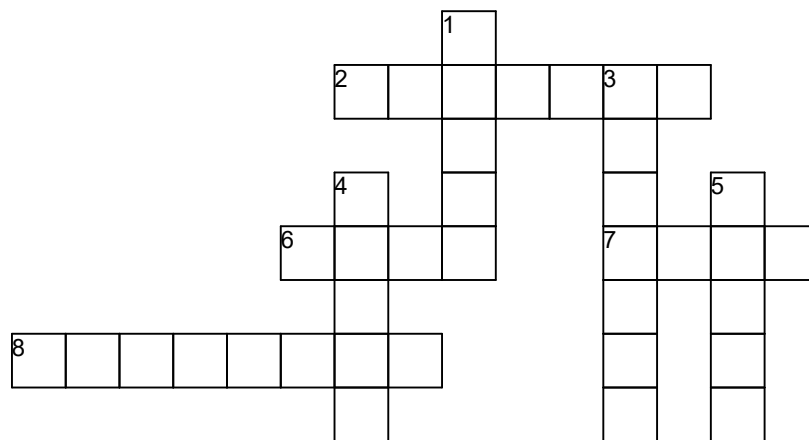
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This activity is based on Matthew 13:31-33.

Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

2. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
7. To become larger; to increase in size or amount
8. Not as big as any of the others

DOWN

1. A food made from dough of flour or meal
3. Bigger than any of the others
4. A member of the fungus family used in baking to help make the dough rise
5. A mixture of flour, water, and other ingredients to make bread

LARGEST	YEAST	DOUGH	BREAD
SMALLEST	SEED	PARABLE	GROW

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1. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

D	O	U	H	T	C	S	B	M	D	P	T	T	V	P
N	N	R	Q	Z	K	S	U	B	G	D	Q	W	Z	T
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D	W	L	O	T	H	W	F	L	O	U	R	P	G	N
O	P	B	S	I	X	T	Y	H	S	D	I	J	T	B
M	J	N	H	K	S	M	F	Y	X	D	I	N	N	J
D	D	G	Y	H	X	J	B	P	A	R	A	B	L	E



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FLOUR
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BIRDS

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SIXTY
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