



Amigos de Jesús y María

Ciclo A - XVI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Sabiduría 12, 13. 16-19; Salmo 85; Romanos 8, 26-27; Mateo 13, 24-43 o 24-30

The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who planted good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and planted weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not plant good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

Reflection

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of God with a parable, a story that uses symbols and comparisons to reveal a truth. ¿Who does the planter represent? Jesus who plants the desire to know and love Him through the scripture, prayer, or another person... **What does the field represent?** The Kingdom of God which are the people who let Jesus be King of their hearts. **Wheat and weeds grew together in the field. What does each represent?** The wheat represents the person that follows Jesus and grows in love thus spreading the Kingdom of God. Wheat is used to make bread which nourishes our body. Also, during Mass, it becomes the Body of Christ which nourishes our soul. The weed represents the person that rejects Jesus and destroys love with their selfishness and hate. The weed hurts the wheat and must be burned. **Why did the master want the weeds to grow together with the wheat instead of pulling them out?** He was afraid the wheat would get pulled by mistake. He preferred to wait until the harvest. **What does the harvest time represent?**



At the end of time, God will separate those who have accepted and shared Jesus' love from those who have rejected and tried to destroy His Kingdom. The first will stay with Jesus and the others will burn. **In summary, when Jesus came down from Heaven, He brought the Kingdom of God, but not everyone accepted Him as King. Both will live together until the end of time. Even though we see that others do not follow Jesus, we must follow Him to have happiness here and eternally in Heaven. Our Blessed Mother at Fatima asks us to pray and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners so everyone will have Eternal Life.**

Activity

On the next page, color the story of the parable. On the last page, draw a line from a word that describes someone who follows Jesus/rejects Jesus to a wheat stalk, or weed respectively.

Prayer

Jesus, fill my heart with your love so I may help to build your Kingdom. Help me to always follow you. I pray for the conversion of all that reject you so everyone may love you and have Eternal Life. Amen.

Song: I have decided, CJ and Friends, https://youtu.be/G_fzfiuONi0 (3-8 yrs.)

I have decided to follow Jesus, Ximdrake Asidore <https://youtu.be/B4aX8uU4PCg> (9+ yrs.)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1bbfdw31C_BTR7NyETZ1s1CzD0c8u94xF/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



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Parable of the wheat and weeds.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man that planted good seeds in his field...

Mt. 13, 24-30



Do you want us to pull them out?



No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat also.



Let them grow together until harvest. Then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters...

At night



The enemy came and planted weeds amidst the wheat.

Much later...



The wheat started growing and the weeds appeared.



Cut first the weeds...



The workers asked "Master, didn't you plant good seed? Where did the weeds come from?"



It's the work of an enemy.



And throw them into the fire...



Then gather the wheat into my barn.



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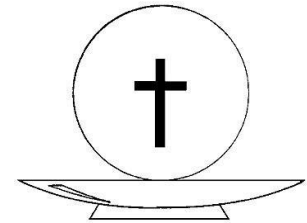
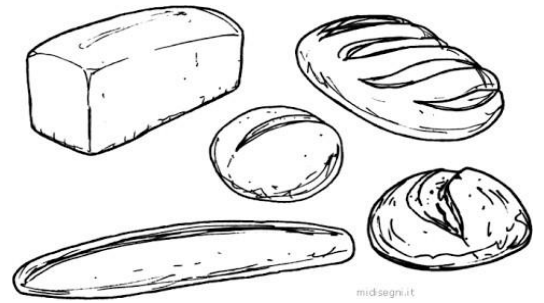
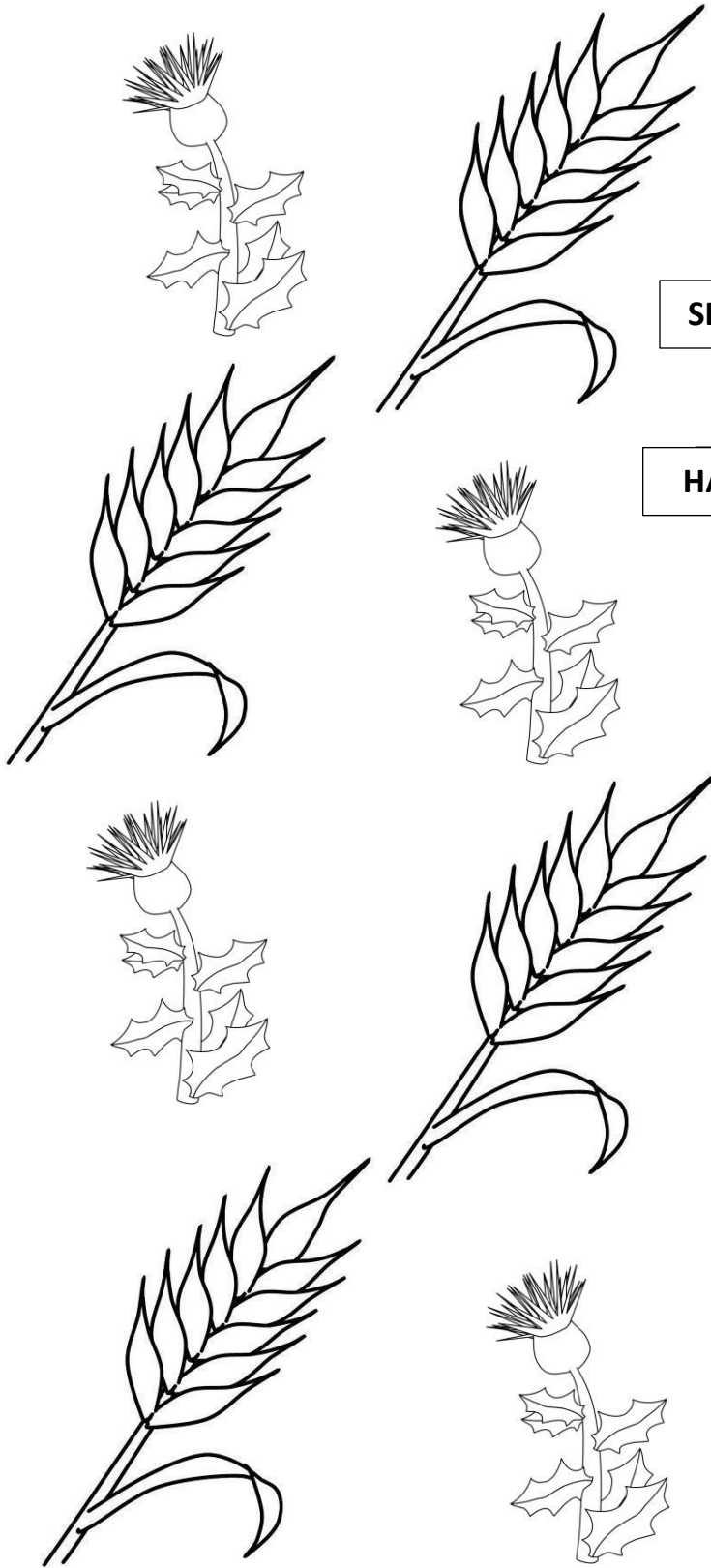
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WHEAT AND WEEDS

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