

The -dom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground. It doesn't matter whether the seed falls on the path, on rocky ground, or in the soil. The seed that falls on the path is trampled and eaten by birds. The seed that falls on rocky ground sprouts quickly but withers because it has no roots. The seed that falls in the soil grows because it has roots and can withstand the weather.

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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Mark 4:26-27

Jesus said: The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

Dear God, thank you for planting the seeds for me to grow. Help me plant the seed of faith so that others may know how much you love every one of us. **Amen**

God made all the earth, including the trees, the birds, the animals and all the people.



A small mustard seed can grow into a tree with branches for birds to nest upon.

Word Search Puzzle

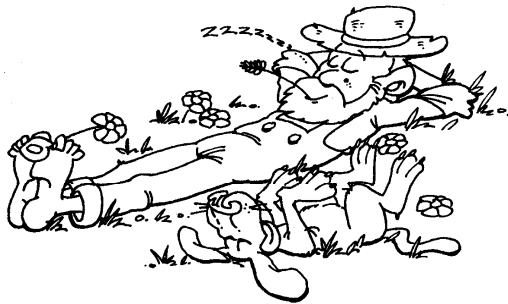
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(Mark 3:24-29) If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. (25) And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. (26) And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. (27) But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. (28) "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; (29) but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"-- (NRSV)

Word List

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- Excuse me, but shouldn't you be working? I mean . . . you're a farmer, aren't you?
- Uh? . . . Oh . . . working! Should I be working? What do you mean - I AM working!
- But here you are, sunbathing! How can that be work?
- Well, I assure you I'm working very hard! I'm growing oats, wheat and barley at the moment.
- Oh, yeah? Then they can't be growing very well if you're here snoozing, can they?
- Ah, well, that's just where you're wrong! I planted those seeds, right? And now they're growing - whether I'm watching them at it or not! You just come back in a month and see for yourself!



SO... HOW DOES THE KINGDOM GROW?

IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE
THANKS TO THE LORD,
AND TO SING PRAISES TO
YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH;
TO TELL OF YOUR LOVING
KINDNESS EARLY IN THE MORNING
AND OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS
IN THE NIGHT SEASON.
(- FROM PSALM 92 -)

GOD'S KINGDOM GROWS

IS JESUS SAYING WE DON'T NEED TO
DO ANYTHING TO HELP THE
KINGDOM GROW?

No, but he's reminding us that the
actual growing is God's business, and
it happens.

SO IS OUR JOB TO GET THE GROUND
READY AND KEEP IT FREE OF
RUBBLE AND WEEDS?

Yes! We work with God on that, and
planting the seed. Then God can
bring those seeds to harvest.

I SUPPOSE IT'S A BIT POMPOUS
TO THINK IT'S ALL DOWN TO
OUR HARD WORK.

Yes - a bit like a driver thinking he
makes a car go along.

SIGNS OF KINGDOM GROWTH ?

I think the signs to look for would be ...

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3	4

Can you see them?

Here	1	2	3	4
In yourself				
In your church community				
In our Society				

God, makes the plants grow,
and then the farmer harvests
the crop.



Draw the field of grain
this farmer is harvesting.
Colour the rest of the
picture.

