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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 23 • Session 4

## JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM

Matthew 13

**WHAT DID JESUS TEACH WHEN HE WAS ON EARTH?  
JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GOD AND HIS KINGDOM. HE TAUGHT THAT ALL  
SCRIPTURE IS ABOUT HIM.**

Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Why do you teach in parables?"

Jesus answered, "Not everyone will understand the hidden truths about the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus said, "You are blessed because you do understand."

Jesus told a parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man planted in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes a tree, and the birds come and build nests in its branches."

"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman mixed into fifty pounds of flour. The leaven makes the dough rise."

Jesus told another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure, buried in a field, that a man found. He reburied it, and then he joyfully sold everything he had and bought that field."

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one priceless pearl, he sold everything he had and bought it."

"The kingdom of heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea. It collected every kind of fish. The fishermen gathered the good fish into containers. But they threw out the worthless ones." Jesus said at the end of time, God will separate people who trust in Him from those who don't.

**Christ Connection:** The kingdom of God is growing in the world. This kingdom is valuable and worth giving everything for. While we wait for Jesus to return and fully set up His kingdom, we carry out the mission of telling others about King Jesus, who rescues sinners.

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# Kingdom Riddles | Read each riddle and then draw a line to the right picture. Use the Bible references if you need help.

1. I'm smooth and round and made in the sea. A pretty necklace I can be. (Matthew 13:45-46)
2. I make dough rise and like the heat. I am in the bread you eat. (Matthew 13:33)
3. I am smaller than a pea, but I grow into a tall tree. (Matthew 13:31-32)
4. I have holes but can hold a lot. Inside me is the fish you caught. (Matthew 13:47-50)
5. I am worth as much as gold. A man bought me with all he sold. (Matthew 13:44)



## Every Kind of Fish

Color the fish green if it describes someone trusting in Jesus. Color the fish red if it describes someone not trusting in Jesus.

