



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 2024

Mark 4:26-34

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.

You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

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Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website.

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Jesus went on to say, "The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the ear, and finally the ear full of corn. When the corn is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because harvest time has come.

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?" asked Jesus. "What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade."



Jesus preached his message to the people, using many other parables like these; he told them as much as they could understand. He would not speak to them without using parables, but when he was alone with his disciples, he would explain everything to them.

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In today's gospel, Jesus is trying to show what God's Kingdom is like. It's not easy to describe, so instead he tells stories so that we can try to imagine it.

Both the stories he tells are about seeds, which grow and change from small beginnings. We're going to think about the story of the mustard seed. What do you remember about this story?

The mustard seed is a tiny little seed.

But it grows into a very big bush with big branches. Big enough for birds to be able to come and sit in to get out of the sun. So, what do you think Jesus is trying to tell us?

Perhaps it's that the Kingdom of heaven is also always growing, just like the seed, so that there's room for everyone who wants to be there.

The mustard seed also shows us how size doesn't matter – even a tiny seed can produce a great big tree. The same is true for us – even the smallest person can do great things. And even the smallest action can have big results.

For example, being kind in the playground and inviting someone to play with you if they look lonely, is just one little thing you can do – it hardly takes any time at all. But to the person who is lonely, it can make a really big difference.

Can you think of any examples of small things that you have done that have made a big difference to other people?

What do you think happens when lots of people join their actions together?

If lots of people do something small, it can make a really, really big difference. A bit like how a drop of water isn't very much on its own, but join it together with millions of other drops, and you get the great big sea!

One way to do this is to join together with other people to call for a fairer world. A world where all people have the things that they need to live healthy and peaceful lives.

Together, small actions add up to make a big difference. The smallest seed can grow into the biggest bush.

What will you do this week to make a difference to other people locally and around the world?

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



You may find the
website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to
explore with your child. Each day they
share artwork linked to the daily
Gospel.

**If your right eye should cause
you to sin, tear it out
Matthew 5:27-32**

**Vintage anatomical model of the
eye,
Painted plaster and glass
Made in the 1960's
© Christian Art**



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!

Traditional: 'Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God' by Karen Lafferty

Traditional: 'All Over The World' by Roy Turner

Contemporary: '[No Outsiders](#)' by Rend Collective

Collective

Contemporary: '[Our Father](#)' by Bethel



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Ten:Ten
Resources

Username: st-michaels-tw15

Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



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You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

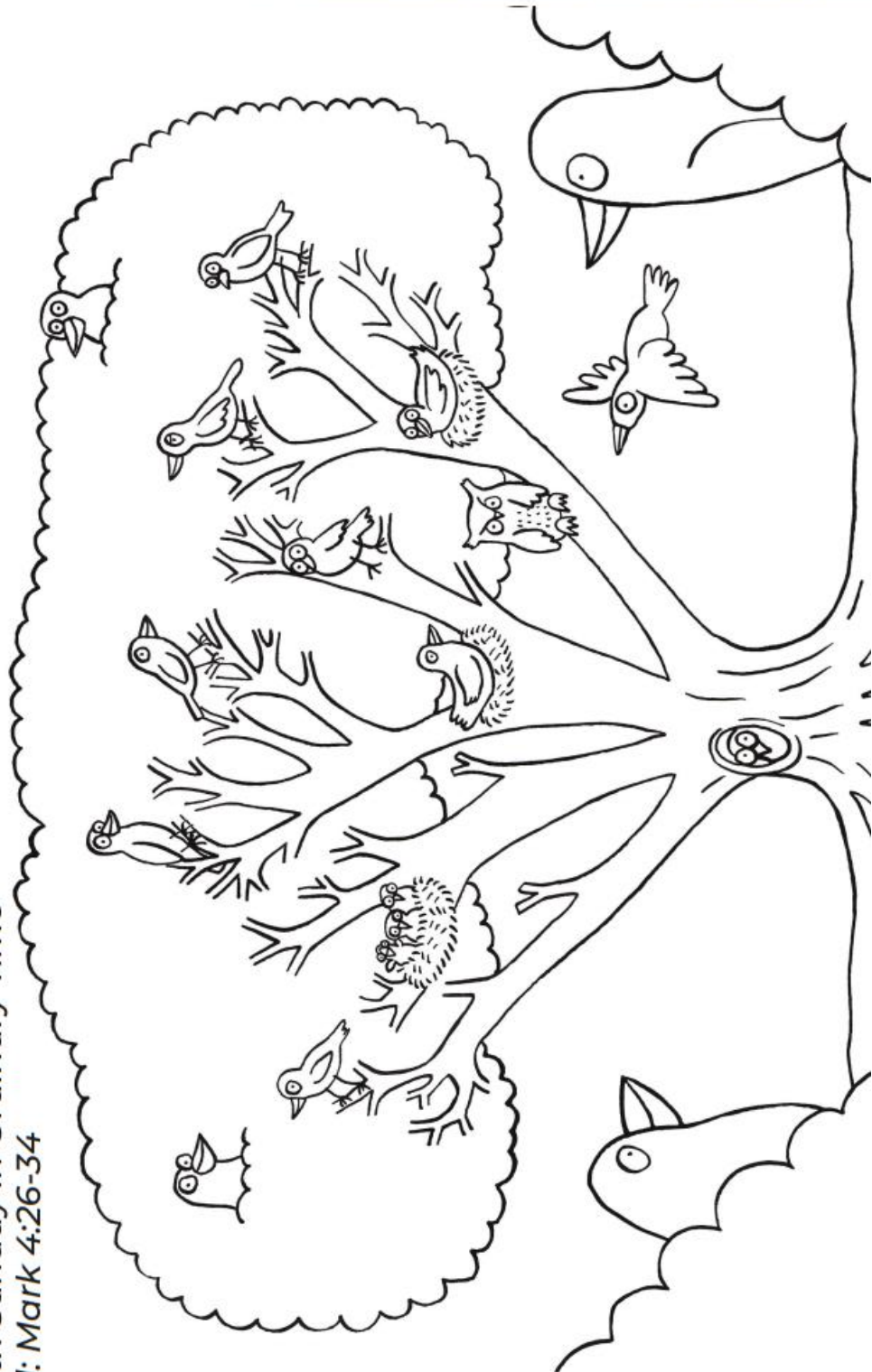
Catholic Social Teaching:

Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?



This week's Gospel activity sheet from CAFOD:

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Prayer Intentions during Ordinary Time Day After Pentecost Until First Day of Advent (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colours
Deeper Understanding Between Christians and Jews	GREEN
Those Who Suffer Persecution Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Those Who Suffer Oppression Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Those Who Suffer Denial of Human Rights Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Europe Especially on the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July), St Catherine of Siena (29 April)	
Human Life Especially on the day for Life (3 rd Sunday in June)	

Liturgical Year	Sundays in May
- St Justin (1st June) - Charles Lwanga and Companions (3rd June) - St Boniface (5th June) - St Norbert (6th June) - St Barnabas (11th June) - St Anthony of Padua (13th June) - St Aloysius (21st June) - Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (22nd June) - St John the Baptist (24th June) - St John Southworth (27th June) - Ss Peter and Paul (29th June) - Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 days after Pentecost)	- Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday is the Week after Pentecost and the week before Corpus Christi) - Corpus Christi - Ordinary Time

National and International Days	Other Religions
- Global Day for Parents (1st June) - World Bicycle Day (3rd June) - World Environment Day (5th June) - World Oceans Day (8th June) - World Day Against Child Labour (12th June) - Father's Day (16th June) - World day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17th June) - World Refugee Day (20th June)	- Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh 16th)