

# The Parable of the Growing Seed and Servant

CHARACTERS: 3 plus as many servant extras as desired

COSTUMES: None specified

PROPS: Dishes for meal

SETTING: Split stage – implied field on stage left; home, stage right

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 13:24-42, Mark 4:21-29, Luke 17:7-10.

FK reading level: 4.5

*At rise: Master and servant are sowing seeds stage left while Jesus speaks.*

JESUS: The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows.

SERVANT: Master, it is amazing how seeds sprout and grow all by themselves. I can't really comprehend it.

MASTER: Indeed, God's mysteries are wonderful and our world was created with care and ingenious design. *MASTER and SERVANT lie down to sleep stage right as ENEMY sows seeds among the wheat then exits.*

JESUS: All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

JESUS: But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. *JESUS exits; SERVANT and MASTER awake*

MASTER: Tend the field we planted last week. *Servant bows and moves stage left to examine wheat, then rushes back to master.*

SERVANT: Sir, the wheat sprouted and formed heads, but weeds also have appeared. Didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?

MASTER: An enemy did this.

SERVANT: Do you want us to go and pull them up?

MASTER: No, because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them.

SERVANT: What should we do?

MASTER: Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn. Now, prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink.

SERVANT: Yes, sir.

MASTER: Thank you.

SERVANTS: No thanks needed. We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty. *JESUS enters*

MASTER: Jesus, explain this parable to us.

JESUS: The one who sowed the good seed is Jesus. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one.

SERVANT: Let me guess. The enemy who sows the weed seed is the devil.

JESUS: Correct. The harvest is the end of the age.

MASTER: The harvesters are angels.

JESUS: As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. I will send out my angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

SERVANT: We throw weeds into the fiery furnace.

JESUS: Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

ALL: He who has ears, let him hear.

OPTIONAL: Have additional actors as good seed who are planted (begin skit curled into a ball on the field) then “sprout and grow” until they are standing. Have a second set of actors “sprout and grow” as the enemy sows his seed. As JESUS describes what will happen at the end of the age, have the SERVANTS harvest the weeds and exit them stage right (audience’s left) and the wheat stage left.

## Interactive internet games

### **Parable of the Sower Battleship**

<http://www.quia.com/ba/237983.html>

### **Matthew 22-26 challenge board**

<http://www.quia.com/cb/805333.html>

### **Trees in the New Testament**

<http://www.quia.com/ba/209382.html>

### **Trees of the Old Testament**

<http://www.quia.com/rr/378687.html>