

Parable of the Weeds

Kid's commentary version

CHARACTERS: 9, doubling possible

COSTUMES: none specified

PROPS: none specified

SETTING: Israel in the time of Christ

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 13

Note: Bookworm puppet can be made out of an old legwarmer or opaque tights. Puppet should have eyes and mouth and extend to the puppeteer's elbow.

PROPHET: When Jesus comes he will tell parables.

JESUS: I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world

NARR 1: One day Jesus told this parable.

JESUS: The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

NARR 2: But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

MINDY: Why would you sew seeds together?

BRIAN: Did they use a sewing machine or a thread and needle?

BOOKWORM: You're thinking of the word sew, S-E-W. The Bible is talking about the word sow, S-O-W. S-O-W sow means to scatter seeds to plant them rather than plow and cover them up.

BRIAN and MINDY: Oh.

NARR 1: When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

BRIAN: You mean heads with eyes, ears, noses and mouths?

BOOKWORM: No, a head means the top of the wheat stalk where the grain we eat is formed.

NARR 2: The owner's servants came to him and said

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SERVANT 1: Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field?

SERVANT 2: Where then did the weeds come from?

OWNER: An enemy did this.

SERVANT 2: Do you want us to go and pull them up?

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

SERVANT 1: Shall we let both grow together until the harvest?

MINDY: Why wait that long?

BOOKWORM: It is hard to tell when the plants are young, which is a weed and which is wheat.

BRIAN: When they get older is it easier to tell?

BOOKWORM: Yes. When the wheat is all grown up it looks different.

MINDY: Is that when the wheat gets those feathery looking tops and turns from green to brown?

BOOKWORM: That's right. The wheat is almost ready to be picked and made into food.

BRIAN: Back to the parable.

OWNER: Yes. I will tell the harvesters to first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.

NARR 1: Jesus left the crowd and went into the house.

NARR 2: His disciples came to him and said,

THOMAS: Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.

JESUS: The one who sowed the good seed is me, the Son of Man, Jesus.

NARR 2: The field is the world

MINDY: This reminds me of the parable of the sower.

BOOKWORM: That is a great text to text connection. You have linked two things you read in the Bible together.

NARR 2: And the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom.

BRIAN: That would be the twelve disciples or people like us who worship God.

BOOKWORM: Great text to self connection, Brian.

JESUS: Right. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

NARR 2: The enemy who sows them is the devil.

NARR 2: The harvest is the end of the age

NARR 2: The harvesters are angels.

NARR 2: As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

MINDY: So is that why we invite everybody to come to church and learn about God, because we don't know who will be sons of God until the end?

BOOKWORM: Right again.

BRIAN: So at the end of time Jesus will send out his angels to weed out of Jesus' kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

MINDY: But the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

EVERYONE: (*in unison*) He who has ears, let him hear.

Weed Parable

Popcorn version

CHARACTERS: 3

COSTUMES: street clothes

PROPS: popcorn, microwave popper

SETTING: modern day

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 13

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NARR 1: One day Jesus told a parable about weeds and seeds being planted together.

NARR 2: Another way to think about this parable is to think of popcorn.

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MINDY: Mom, I want to make popcorn balls but there's a problem. Some of the popcorn in the microwave popper is the old stuff that doesn't pop.

BRIAN: I accidentally put the good popcorn in with the old kernels that didn't pop last time.

MINDY: Should we pick out the bad popcorn and throw it away before we put it in the microwave?

MOM: No, because while you are pulling the dead popcorns, you may throw out some good ones because you can't tell them apart.

BRIAN: We can pop them together

MINDY: And when we are done, throw out the dead kernels and just use the ones that popped open.

BRIAN: Into the smelly trash can with the dead kernels.

MOM: Good idea.

Weed Parable

Swimmer version

CHARACTERS: 3 with audience participation

COSTUMES: camp clothes, whistle around director's neck

PROPS: none specified

SETTING: camp

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 13

Note: Before starting the skit, indicate to the audience that when you point to them they should shout Yah! And cheer enthusiastically

DIRECTOR: Welcome to camp. We'll be having lots of fun activities.

ASSISTANT 1: We'll be doing sports, crafts, studying the Bible

ASSISTANT 2: Going on nature hikes, singing, learning to swim better and canoe

ASSISTANT 1: On the last day, everyone who can pass the deep water test will get to try out scuba diving.

EVERYONE: Yah!!!!

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DIRECTOR: Put your gear away and report to the pool for our first swim lesson.

ASSISTANT 2: Coach, should we give them the deep end test as soon as they get there to find out who the good swimmers and who the weak swimmers are?

DIRECTOR: No, you might accidentally remove someone who is going to become a great swimmer after taking lessons.

ASSISSTANT 1: So we'll give them all swim lessons until the last day.

DIRECTOR: Then I'll send the scuba instructors down to separate the strong swimmers who can go on the scuba diving trip (*point to audience*) from the weak swimmers who will have to stay back and clean toilets.

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