

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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PARABLES
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BRANCHES
GRAIN

Catechizing Corner!

Jesus was the proverbial storyteller. He especially loved using parables. In antiquity the parable was used as a tool to compare one thing to something else. Jesus revealed the face of God by comparing God's essence or his behavior to something that was familiar to people in their culture. We are reminded that when Jesus refers to the Kingdom he is not referring to a place but rather to a person. That person is God. When the reign of God is compared to something, what is ultimately being asserted is that this is what "happens when God is totally in charge of life."

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

Cycle B, Paulist Press



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

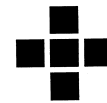
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A Call to Prayer

**The Word of God
Mark 4:26-34**

**Faith Sharing
Questions of the week**

Closing Prayer



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out to those in need!*

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds:
"This is how it is with the kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land
and would sleep and rise night and day
and through it all the seed would sprout and grow,
he knows not how.
Of its own accord the land yields fruit,
first the blade, then the ear, then

the full grain in the ear.
And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once,
for the harvest has come."

He said,
"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God,
or what **parable** can we use for it?
It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is **sown**, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can **dwell** in its shade."
With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them,
but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: What kindness can you start today at home that will help everyone?

Teen: How can you grow in the way Jesus wants you to?

Family: What kind of "seed" can you plant with people around you that can bring about a positive outcome?

Adult: How can you help build the kingdom of God this coming week?

Closing Prayer

Give us courage, hope, peace and love that we might bear these gifts to others. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Glossary

Parables are a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.

Sown means to have planted seeds.

To **dwell** means the place where you live.