

UNIT 2: INCLUDE • SESSION 9:

**“God’s Kingdom”**

LUKE 13:18-21



The LORD is good to everyone and everything; God’s compassion extends to all his handiwork!

Psalm 145:9



**WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:**

- Have you ever planted a seed? Have you ever baked bread? What happens?
- How are the seed and yeast like God’s kingdom?
- Can you think of other things in nature that start small and then grow and change?
- Who can be part of God’s kingdom?
- What small acts of kindness can you do this week to help spread God’s love?
- If you could design a kingdom what would it look like? Who would be part of it and why? How would you describe your kingdom with a parable?
- **Create a list of kind and loving things that you can do for others and see how many you can do this week.**

**JESUS TEACHES THROUGH PARABLES:**

As Jesus continues his ministry and teaches about things that are sometimes hard to understand, he uses parables. **Parables are simple stories that are used to explain a lesson.** Sometimes parables are just using a comparison to help people to understand. In this lesson Jesus is teaching about God’s kingdom to his disciples. What is God’s kingdom? Jesus explains by comparing God’s kingdom to a mustard seed and to yeast. He shows that God’s kingdom is like a tiny seed that is planted or a bit of yeast that is mixed into flour and creates growth. God’s kingdom is all about the smallest action affecting change and causing growth and supporting life and spreading God’s love. No matter how small we feel, with God, we can help create a beautiful world.

**BIBLE STORY:**

In today’s Bible story, Jesus explaining to his disciples about God’s kingdom.

Jesus asked, “What is God’s kingdom like? What can I compare God’s kingdom



God’s kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed that someone planted in the garden. The mustard seed grew and grew and became a tree. It got so big that birds nested in its branches.” Jesus continued, “God’s kingdom is like yeast that a woman hid in lots of flour. The yeast made all of the flour grow into enough raised dough to feed many many people.”

A tiny mustard seed can grow into a plant 6-10 feet tall and a sprinkle of yeast can expand a loaf of bread to many times it’s original size. God’s kingdom - the world that God envisions and asks us to create - is always growing and expanding and all are welcome to be part of it. It’s a world of love and gives life to all. God asks us to be part of building this world through our small acts of kindness that can bring big change.

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## Grow as You Go

Find the correct path to move from Start to Finish.

