


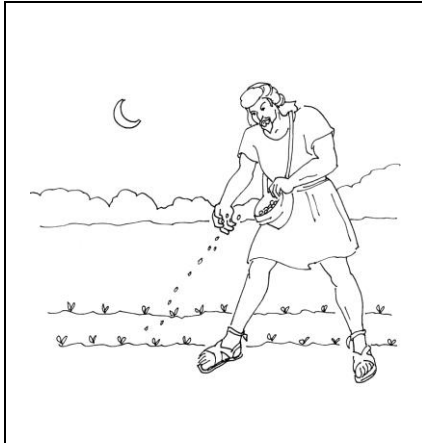


Kingdom of Heaven Matching Cards

For each picture card there is a card with a parable (or saying) about the kingdom of heaven and another card with its spiritual meaning. After cutting apart the cards, mix them up, and then match the picture with its text and meaning.

 A line drawing of a man with a beard and a cap, wearing a long robe. He is shown from the side, looking upwards and holding a small, round object (a pearl) in his right hand, with his left hand raised towards his chest.	<p>"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Matthew 13:45).</p>	<p><i>Acknowledging the Lord and understanding His ways is precious and beautiful.</i></p>
 A line drawing of a man in a robe and head covering, standing in a field. He is holding a long-handled tool, possibly a hoe or a shovel, and appears to be digging or tilling the soil. There are some rocks or stones in the foreground.	<p>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44).</p>	<p><i>Understanding the truths which the Lord has revealed in His Word is much more valuable than worldly possessions or ideas from other sources.</i></p>
 A line drawing of a woman in a long robe and head covering, standing inside a simple house. She is leaning over a table, working with a large, round object (dough) on it. There is a fire burning in a hearth or stove behind her.	<p>"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened" (Matthew 13:33).</p>	<p><i>Spiritual struggles can help us to recognize our evils and rise above them as we grow spiritually.</i></p>



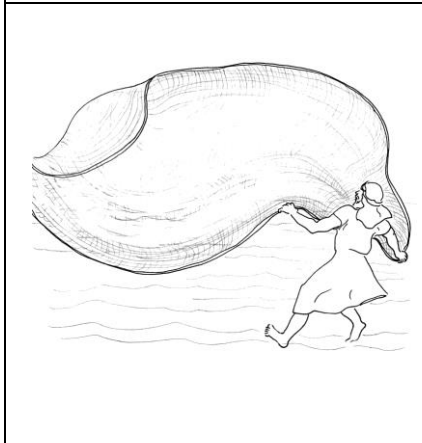
"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way" (Matthew 13:24-25).

As we go through life, evil thoughts and loves grow up alongside good thoughts and loves. These sometimes look similar from the outside, but the motivation differs.



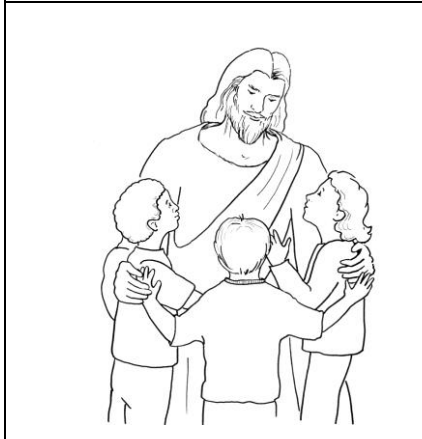
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches" (Matthew 13:31-32).

If you use the true ideas that you believe, they will grow from something that seems small and insignificant into something large in your life.



"The kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away" (Matthew 13:47-48).

The Lord wants to gather us all into heaven but we determine our spiritual home by our choices in life. After death, good and evil are separated and go to heaven or hell.



"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

The Lord wants to bring all of us into the kingdom of heaven, for He sees all of us as potential angels. To cooperate with Him, we need to become as little children and look to the Lord as our Heavenly Father.