

## Kingdom of Heaven Mural

Make a mural of pictures to show the various ways the Lord describes the kingdom of heaven. Each person can make a poster showing several of these parables. Or you can have each person illustrate one parable then display them together as a mural or bulletin board display. Provide a text slip for each parable. You could also write something for the display about the meaning of each parable for each one tells us something different about what we can do to prepare for life in heaven.

### TEXT SLIPS

#### 1) Parable of Wheat and Tares

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "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).

#### 2) Like a Mustard Seed

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "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).

#### 3) Like Leaven

Another parable He spoke to them: "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).

#### 4) Treasure found hidden in a field

"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).

#### 5) Man holding the pearl of great price [*truths about the Lord*]

"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).

#### 6) Like a Dragnet

"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).