

Children's Church

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Wheat and Weeds Growing Together



Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13&version=ICB>

⁴ Then Jesus told them another story. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵ That night, when everyone was asleep, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat. Then the enemy went away. ²⁶ Later, the wheat grew and heads of grain grew on the wheat plants. But at the same time the weeds also grew. ²⁷ Then the man’s servants came to him and said, ‘You planted good seed in your field. Where did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸ The man answered, ‘An enemy planted weeds.’ The servants asked, ‘Do you want us to pull up the weeds?’ ²⁹ The man answered, ‘No, because when you pull up the weeds, you might also pull up the wheat. ³⁰ Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until the harvest time. At harvest time I will tell the workers this: First gather the weeds and tie them together to be burned. Then gather the wheat and bring it to my barn.’”

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. His followers came to him and said, “Explain to us the meaning of the story about the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ Jesus answered, “The man who planted the good seed in the field is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world. And the good seed are all of God’s children in the kingdom. The weeds are those people who belong to the Evil One. ³⁹ And the enemy who planted the bad seed is the devil. The harvest time is the end of the age. And the workers who gather are God’s angels.

⁴⁰ “The weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire. It will be this way at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels. They will gather out of his kingdom all who cause sin and all who do evil. ⁴² The angels will throw them into the blazing furnace. There the people will cry and grind their teeth with pain. ⁴³ Then the good people will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let those with ears use them and listen!

Discussion:

- This week, we have another one of Jesus’ parables, or rather, a story that teaches. Sometimes, we all can be like the weeds and the wheat. We may make decisions that might not be the best and may hurt either ourselves or others. That is part of growing and learning. How can we be more like the wheat in the story and shine like the sun in another person’s life this week?
- Are there any “weeds” in your life – someone that might make life a little less enjoyable when they’re around? Challenge yourself to pray for them this week!

Let us pray: Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the beauty of our earth. We ask that you continue to keep us safe and healthy. We ask that you bless those whom we may not like and give our hearts the gift of love. Grant us strength and patience to follow where You lead us this week. Amen.



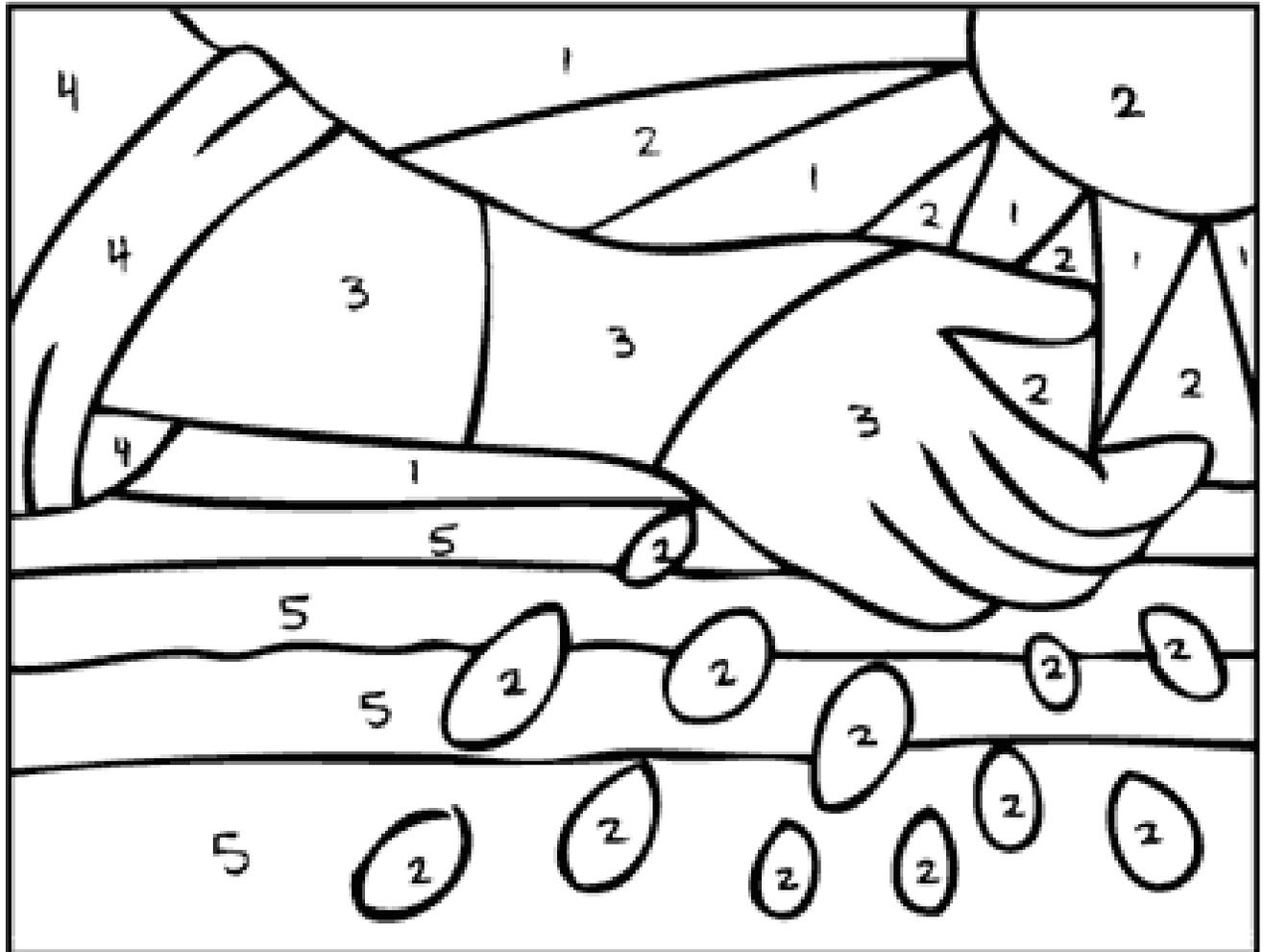
**"Let both
grow
together
until the
harvest..."**

Matt. 13:30

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Color the Wheat

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