

Hello from Junior Fun Church!!!



If you wish to, with your parent, have a look at the story Jesus told about the Wheat and the Weeds.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=220&v=0mUz4w\\_nWQU&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=220&v=0mUz4w_nWQU&feature=emb_logo)

The parable of the weeds

Matthew 13:24-30 New Century Version (NCV)

A Story About Wheat and Weeds

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told them another story: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who planted good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> That night, when everyone was asleep, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and then left. <sup>26</sup> Later, the wheat sprouted and the heads of grain grew, but the weeds also grew. <sup>27</sup> Then the man's servants came to him and said, 'You planted good seed in your field. Where did the weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> The man answered, 'An enemy planted weeds.' The servants asked, 'Do you want us to pull up the weeds?' <sup>29</sup> The man answered, 'No, because when you pull up the weeds, you might also pull up the wheat. <sup>30</sup> Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until the harvest time. At harvest time I will tell the workers, "First gather the weeds and tie them together to be burned. Then gather the wheat and bring it to my barn."

This is one of the few parables that Jesus explains, like he did the parable of the soils. So let's skip ahead a few verses and read what Jesus says the parable of the wheat and weeds means. Matthew 13:36-43 New Century Version (NCV)

Jesus Explains About the Weeds

<sup>36</sup> 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."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus answered, "The man who planted the good seed in the field is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed are all of God's children who belong to the kingdom. The weeds are those people who belong to the Evil One. <sup>39</sup> 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.

The Parable of the Weeds Mathew 13:24-30, 36-43

<sup>40</sup> “Just as the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all who cause sin and all who do evil. <sup>43</sup> Then the good people will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Let those with ears use them and listen.

*This parable tells us that there are often people in our lives who don't follow Jesus, but through this parable we learn that Jesus is patiently waiting to give everyone a chance to believe in him. We also learn that since we are the wheat, the good seed in the world, we need to pray for the weeds, the people that need to know Jesus.*

If you wish, talk about these questions:

What are some things we might pray about, for people who don't know Jesus?

What two plants grew together?

In the story Jesus told, what did the wheat represent?

And the weeds?

Who did the farmer represent in the story?

Why didn't the farmer want the weeds pulled up straight away?

*Song:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOJ0iRiqQOM> I believe in Jesus

Try this game if you wish!

## Inside the Heart Memory Game

### **You will need:**

- Paper
- Scissors
- Tape and/or glue
- Extra decorations (stickers, etc.)
- Words or verses from the story
- Markers or crayons

1. Cut small hearts out of one piece of paper.
2. On a larger paper or card, add decorations, words, or verses.
3. Glue or tape the hearts onto the larger paper in rows.
4. Place a drawn image underneath each paper heart. There should be two matches for each image.
5. To play the game, find a partner and take turns looking underneath the hearts to find a match.

Have fun!