

FAMILY TIME WITH JESUS

Theme: Parable of Wheat and Tares



Scripture Reference: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Verse: “The Lord knows how to rescue the godly man from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment. 2 Peter 2:9

Concept: Since we are all in this world (but not of this world), we come into continual contact with sin and unrighteousness. We don’t have to be intimidated by this, but because of Jesus, we can respond in loving and redemptive ways as we live in His victory.

Read the Scripture together.

ILLUSTRATION:

You will need someone to play the parts of:

1. Wheat
2. Tares
3. Farmer
4. Farmer’s helpers

On a piece of butcher paper (or another type of large paper), paint 2 or 3 stalks of brown wheat and several colorful and wild looking weeds. If your children are old enough, perhaps you could draw with a pencil or marker and let them participate by filling it in.

Cut out a circle on the paper at the height of whoever will be the wheat or tare. Roll each wheat and weed into something like a broom handle. As the plants “grow” the ones who are playing the part of the wheat and tares takes the rolls and slowly stands up, unrolling the stalk until they are standing with their face looking out of the hole. Have them follow these instructions as someone else reads the following:

A farmer is out planting wheat. As the wheat grows, so do some weeds. The weeds look very glamorous and exciting and try to get the wheat to become like them. When the wheat refuse to do that, and even tell the weeds to change, the weeds get very angry and begin to ridicule the wheat. But the wheat stands patiently, not returning any of the insults it receives. Finally, it is harvest day. The farmer comes with his helpers and they carefully harvest the wheat from among the weeds. Then they gather the weeds to be burned in a fire.

DISCUSSION:

Discuss how this story in the Scriptures relates to our position in the world as Christians. Also talk about what each part of the parable means: for example the wheat, the farmer, the harvesters etc.

1. Does Satan make sinning look good sometimes?
2. Why does Satan want us to live for him?
3. Why does Jesus want us to live for Him in His kingdom?
4. What do we know is the final result of living for Satan instead of Jesus?
5. Is it hard sometimes to live like Jesus wants you to when those around you are only doing what they want?
6. How should we act toward people who don't know Jesus?
7. What if they make fun of us?
8. Who can turn weeds into wheat?

ANOTHER FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Use an empty picture frame or make one from cardboard. Take turns standing in the middle of the room with the frame around your face. See how many in your family can keep from laughing for 30 seconds. The rest of the family can make faces and do everything but touch them to get a smile. Talk about how some people who don't know Jesus try to get us to be weeds like them. Only with Jesus as our Lord can we truly live for Him and be harvested as wheat at the end of the world.

Parable of Wheat and Tares

n e y i f h b t a e h w n r
e g e m i s a u a a v p l t
v e o e e t o o r p u e v a
a l e o l n b v s n l s w s barn
e b u n d l e s o d n d i s bundles
h a r v e s t e r s r t r i enemy
f r g a t h e r l r n b v t gather
o a o b e e s e r a t e v n bind
m p i h e d p r d n a k s r burn
o n r b u t r f h n b e s e field
d e a s r a o i o a e m h g good seed
g r e m n y e a t i s h t a harvest
n i r v t o h n o a a v e e kingdom of heaven
i f y e r t h m l h f f t r man
k e e u t h b s u r s a t r parable
harvesters
slept
tares
uproot
wheat
fire

WHEAT AND TARES CHOOSING



VERSE: **“The Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials.”**
 2 Peter 2:9

After reading the Bible story Jesus told about the wheat and tares, choose the right answer for each sentence and circle it.

1. (Wheat Weeds) are like the followers of Satan.
2. (Jesus Satan) is like the sower of a good seed.
3. The Kingdom of the (Father evil ones) is like the barn.
4. (Burned Rewarded) is like what happens to Satan’s followers.
5. (Enemies Christians) are like the wheat.
6. (Fire Field) is like the world.
7. (Kingdom Harvest) is like the end of the world.
8. (World Weed) is like the field.
9. (Heaven Hell) is like the place weeds are burned.
10. (Devil God) is like the enemy who sowed the bad seed.
11. (Barn Seed) is like heaven.
12. (Bundles Harvesters) are like the angels.



"Jesus told His disciples a parable about wheat and tares."
Matthew 13:24 - 30, 36 - 43