



**SUNDAY 26th JULY
TRINITY 7 (Proper 12)**



Today's reading continues in Matthew 13 with six very short parables! If you find it hard to understand them, you're in good company, many of those who listened to Jesus didn't understand either! Whether we are old or young, we can keep wondering about these parables and what Jesus is telling us.

TODAY'S READING

You can read today's story in the Bible, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (Please preview before showing to children)

<https://youtu.be/8jnaTq06Glc>
<https://youtu.be/ZTV8FYZ1jVs>



FEAST WITH YEAST! Yeast is made of tiny fungus cells. For thousands of years people have used yeast to make bread and other food and drink. If you can find any dried or live yeast at home you can give it some food (sugar) and drink (warm water) you can watch it start to work. If you have some strong flour you could try making some bread! Jesus said that when a small amount of yeast is mixed with lots of flour, the yeast works in ALL of the flour. Use the sheet "Trinity 8 Yeast Activity" if you would like to.



THINK ABOUT...

Have you ever planted a seed and watched as it changes and grows into a plant? Perhaps the plant grew fruit or vegetables to eat. It seems amazing that all of this comes from a tiny seed!

Jesus told the story of a tiny seed that grew into a tree, so large that birds could sit in its branches. He said that this is like the kingdom of heaven. Think and talk about this – What do you think this story tells us about God's kingdom? Do you think you have to do something big and important for God, or could something small that you do or pray about grow to be huge?



TROUBLE WITH TREASURE!

In this chapter, Jesus told two stories about people who find something very valuable! Both of them seem a bit strange, and you might be thinking that the two men who want to own the treasure act in a bit of a crazy way! One man found some treasure in a field, so he buried it again, sold everything, then went and bought the field. The second man found an incredible pearl for sale, so he too sold everything he had and bought the pearl.

- What do you think about what the men did?
- What would be the most exciting treasure that you could imagine finding?
- Jesus told this story to help people to understand about how important God's kingdom is. Have a think and a chat about your ideas about these stories. Don't worry if you're still not sure! Pray, and ask God's Holy Spirit to help you understand.



Listen to and maybe sing or dance along to some hymns or songs which help you think about some of today's reading. Here are some ideas: Carry the Light <https://youtu.be/lbARUaX4frc> , Be Thou my Vision <https://youtu.be/XiukM6WHQEQ> I found a treasure.