



**SUNDAY 19th JULY  
TRINITY 6 (Proper 11)**



*Jesus continues to tell stories about farmers and crops. There must have been farmers working all around the areas where Jesus and his followers were, and he told stories which made people think about God.*

**TODAY'S READING**

You can read today's story in the Bible, Matthew 13: 24-30 and 36-43

There is a PowerPoint telling of the story here:

[The Story of the Wheat and the Tares](#)

**HIDE A "SEED"**

Find a small bead or stone to be the seed. Use some Duplo, Lego or other blocks. Make a building – any design that you like. Now while the other people or person you are with isn't looking, hide the "seed". Make it as hard as you can for them to see it!

Then, keeping a little way away from your building, let them guess where the seed is. When they find it, swap over so you get to find the seed too.

How did you make it hard for the seed to be found?  
How did the man in the story make it hard for the farmer to know that some weeds had been sown in his field?



**THINK ABOUT...**

We think that the weeds in this story were a plant called DARNEL. In the pictures above, can you tell which one is the wheat and which is the darnel? They are very similar! When it is ripe, the WHEAT will be ground up for flour to make bread, but the DARNEL will make you very poorly if you eat it. What did you think about the farmer's decision to let the two plants grow together?

*(The DARNEL is on the right!)*

Like last week, when Jesus told this story and explained the meaning to his friends, he ended with some strange words,

**"Whoever has ears, let them hear"**

You might be thinking that everyone has ears! So, what do you think Jesus could mean?



**WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?**

Have you ever thought about bad things that happen in the world and why God doesn't stop these things from happening? Lots of people wonder about this – perhaps you might think that this story that Jesus told helps to explain this. Talk to someone about things that worry you – maybe it's the coronavirus or perhaps someone you know who is poorly. You could use one of these ideas from Prayer Spaces to pray about what's on your mind.

**Bubble Prayers**

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