This Week's Edition:
Bear the Fruits of the Kingdom of God

“It is the smallest seed in all the world. But once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant.”
Mark 4:31
Gospel: Mark 4:30-34

Jesus said: “What is God’s kingdom like? What story can I use to explain it? It is like what happens when a mustard seed is planted in the ground. It is the smallest seed in all the world. But once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. It even puts out branches that are big enough for birds to rest in its shade.”

Jesus used many other stories when he spoke to the people, and he taught them as much as they could understand. He did not tell them anything without using stories. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

Gospel Reflection

I wonder what God’s kingdom looks like… Imagine what you would see, hear, smell when entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

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I wonder what Jesus means when he compares God’s kingdom to a mustard seed...

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I wonder why Jesus uses stories to explain things to us… I wonder what Jesus is teaching us…

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Using all five senses, close your eyes and imagine what God’s kingdom will be like. What does the kingdom look like? What do you see? What do you smell? What do you hear? What do you taste? What do you feel? Who is with you? Use the box below to draw an image of how you picture God’s kingdom.
In the parable, Jesus explains the kingdom like a mustard seed planted in the ground; a very small seed but once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. What does Jesus mean by this? How can we bear the fruit of the kingdom? How can we plant this seed within others?

Use the space below to draw or write out small acts of kindness to be done in the community that could help spread the good news of God’s kingdom.