

Godly Play plan for the Mustard Seed
St Scholastica's Catholic Primary School



THE MUSTARD SEED

KWL (Bk 1)Chapter 14
(Mt 13:31-32)

YOU WILL NEED:

- Felt underlay
- Class Bible
- Very small seed – mustard seed
- 2D materials: 5 birds, 5 nests stored in a box; tree. See RE Online for 2D masters

Children are seated in a semi-circle ready to listen to the story. When the children are settled, go to the shelf and carry the materials as you would the Bible. Place these beside you.

Place class Bible in front of you with your hand on it.

This story comes from our special book, the Bible. In the Bible we read that Jesus told stories to the crowds of people who followed him. Jesus told stories, parables, to help the people understand what the kingdom of heaven is like. One of Jesus' stories was about a mustard seed – the smallest seed of all.

Place Bible beside you. Smooth out the underlay in the middle of the circle. Take seed from box and plant it on far edge of the underlay.

One day a man took a mustard seed and planted it.

Use your hands to show the mustard seed growing slowly

The mustard seed grew slowly.

Use your hands to show the rain and sun, then the seed continuing to grow

The rain came, the sun shone, the seed grew bigger...and bigger...and bigger.

Place picture of tree over the seed.

After many years the seed had grown into the biggest shrub of all. It was large, like a tree.

Place some birds flying towards the tree, the remaining birds on nests in the tree as you say:

The birds of the air came and built their nests in the tree.

The mustard seed had become what it was meant to be.

This is what God's Kingdom is like. It starts very small and grows!

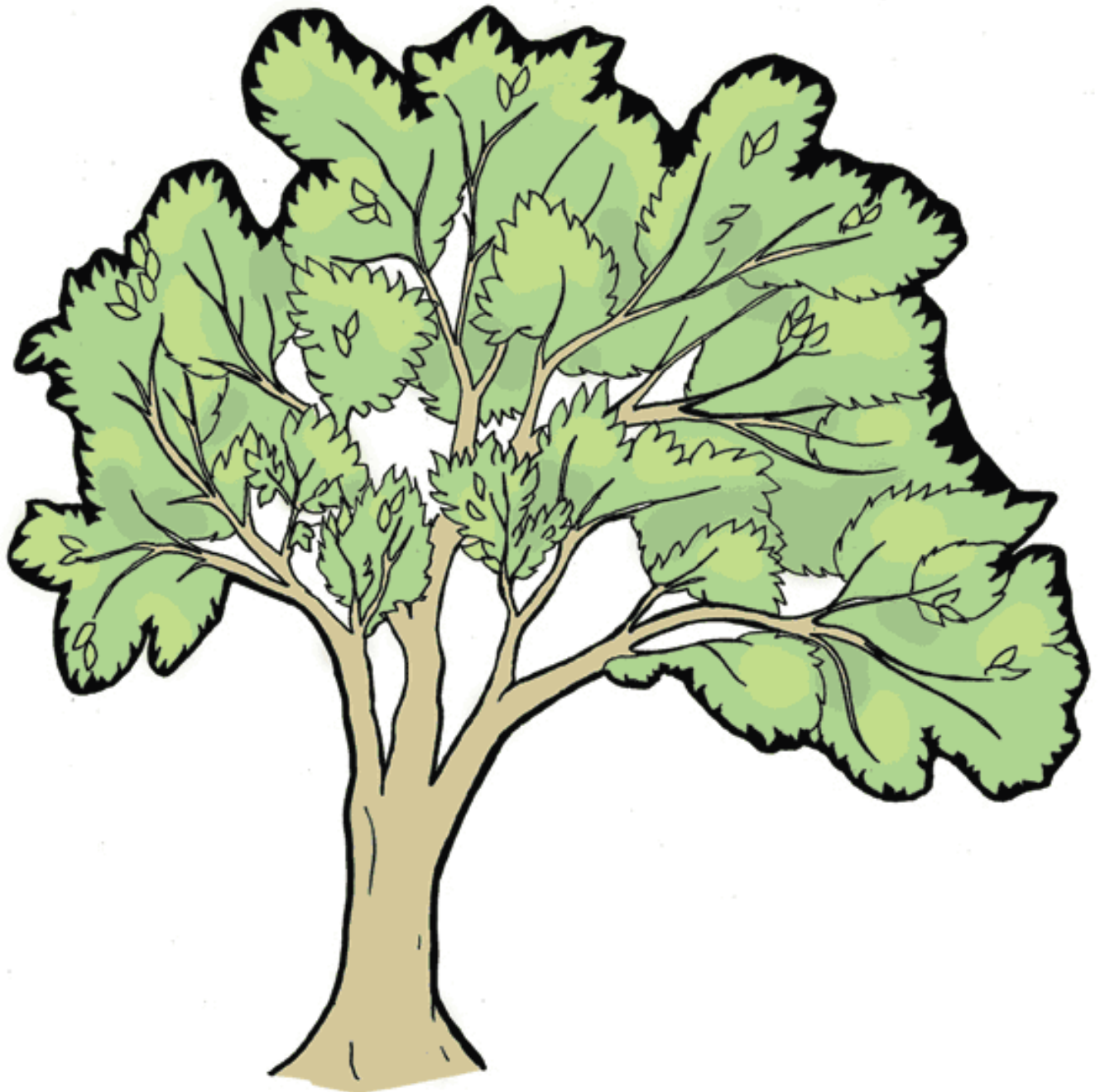
Pause quietly for a moment, and then begin to wonder together.

Engage with 'I wonder', KWL(Bk 1) p108.

I wonder...why the seed grows slowly...how long it takes for the seed to grow...how the Kingdom of God could be like this mustard seed...how the kingdom of God grows in us...what makes it grow and grow...who belongs to God's Kingdom...what I will be like when I have become what God wants me to be.

Carefully pack story materials into storage box and put on shelf. Ensure that children are watching so they know how to pack the materials away and where to find them.

1.2A - The Mustard Seed - 2D master {colour}



tree - enlarge to A3 size

