



Theme: Faith as small as a mustard seed

The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle.
An enchanting story of the journey of a seed, as the seasons pass. In Autumn, the tiniest seed gets blown by the wind and it travels far and wide, we travel with the through the seasons. What will happen to the tiny seed?

Biblical Reference:

Matthew 13:31-32

'The kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed.'

Next month's book is:

'The Lion who wanted to Love' by Giles Andreae

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/LIDOMQPptOM>

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Theme exploration:

Jesus describes Heaven like a mustard seed. The Tiny seed becomes the tallest of plant, so tall that people come to see it. In Palestine where Jesus was from a very familiar sight would have been mustard bushes that grow six to twelve feet high, which flocks of birds would rest in as they enjoyed snacking on the tiny black mustard seeds. The huge bushes grow from tiny black seeds which measure 1-2 mm.

A seed is the beginning, it looks like nothing important or special, but seeds can grow into beautiful plants, that themselves make seeds so more plants can be sown. Many Christians worry their faith in God is not big enough, but God wants us to nurture our faith so that it will grow into something beautiful and inspiring, so inspiring that we plant the seed of faith in others.

Things for you to try this month:

- Plant a seed, nurture it and watch it grow, save its seeds to plant more.
- Watch a retelling of the parable like this one on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLLiRsDKk7g>
- Over the month read some Bible stories or watch some YouTube animated Bible stories. What can you learn?
- Sort some toys into small, big and biggest.
- Make something that flies in the wind, like a paper aeroplane or a kite.



We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer to pray for your family:

Loving God, as we nurture our child/ren. Help us to also nurture their faith and understanding of You. Amen.

A prayer we pray for you as parents:

Father God, bless these parent that no matter how small their faith, give them wisdom and opportunities to nurture their own faith in You. Amen.