

A world of wheat & weeds

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴²They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Make it!

Make a picture out of pasta, beans and pulses.



Sing it!

Check out this song:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFEUjy42xNk>

Experiment it!

In the story the servants can't separate the wheat and the weeds. Put smarties on wet filter paper and watch how the colour separate. Then you can turn your paper into a butterfly



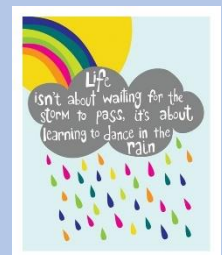
Bake it!

Try baking with different colours: maybe you could add different food colouring to icing on some cupcakes or even to the mixture before you bake it. You could make biscuits and add cocoa to half of the dough.



Think about it!

Whenever we see something awful on the news, try to find the good that comes out of it. Think back to the Manchester bombings: even though a terrible, evil act had been committed, the community pulled together and helped each other with lots of small acts of kindness. Can you think of other examples?



Dear God, help us not to worry too much about who is good and who is bad. Help us to show the love of Jesus to everyone.

In Jesus' name - Amen



"A sower went out to sow...[some] seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Matthew 13:3, 8