

For Families with Younger kids

NOW SHOWING
THE MUSTARD SEED & LEAVEN
MATTHEW 13:31–35



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STORIES THAT
CHANGE EVERYTHING



NOW SHOWING — “Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven”

Families with younger kids edition

Watch this video together “Get to know Captain America | Steve Rogers” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ2K2REMin8>

Video Summary Before Steve Rogers became Captain America, he was small, skinny, and often overlooked. Many people thought he wasn't strong enough to make a difference. But one person noticed something everyone else missed: Steve had a brave and caring heart.

Even after Steve became stronger, what made him a true hero wasn't his muscles. It was his kindness, courage, humility, and willingness to protect others.

Jesus says God's Kingdom often works the same way. It begins with hearts that love God and love people.

Sunday's Big Idea God changes the world by first changing hearts. The Kingdom of God doesn't begin with the strongest or most famous people. It begins with ordinary people who trust Jesus.

As God changes us on the inside, His love spreads to everyone around us.

Read the Text Together Matthew 13:31-33 (NLT)

Discussion Questions

1. Why didn't people think Steve could become a hero? What did they notice about him? What do you notice?
2. What do you think is more important: Being the strongest person? Or having a brave and kind heart? Why?
3. Jesus says God's Kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed. Have you ever planted a seed? Could you tell how big it would become just by looking at it? How are people sometimes like that?

4. Jesus says God's Kingdom is also like yeast mixed into dough. You can't see the yeast working... but eventually everything changes. Can you think of ways God changes us little by little?

Examples:

- learning to forgive
 - sharing with others
 - telling the truth
 - Praying
 - helping someone
5. Steve wanted to protect people. Who are some people you can protect or care for this week? Maybe: a younger sibling, someone sitting alone, a newcomer at church, a neighbor.
 6. Jesus says the mustard plant became a place where birds could rest. How can your family become a place where people feel welcomed, safe, and loved?

Family Challenge This week, everyone chooses one "Mustard Seed Moment." It doesn't have to be big.

Maybe you: help without being asked, encourage someone, pray for a friend, forgive quickly, include someone new, do a secret act of kindness

At dinner each night, share your Mustard Seed Moment.

Ask:

"How did God help His Kingdom grow today?"

Pray Together

Jesus, thank You for showing us that You care more about our hearts than our strength. Help us become people who are brave, kind, humble, and loving. Plant Your Kingdom in our hearts, and help it grow so that others can see Your love through us.

Amen.

