

On what kind of ground did the seed fall?

Lesson Story—Another story about God's Kingdom. Tell the parable in simple words. Explain about the tares. Tell the conversation between master and servants as to the fate of the wheat and tares.

The Field—Teach Golden Text. God wants the good seed sown all over this big field. (Name mission fields. Show a globe or map of the world with mission fields covered with black paper.)

The Seed—If we have God's word in our hearts we are good seed (children of the Kingdom). If not, we are bad seed (children of the Wicked One). God will let good and bad people remain together till the "great harvest" (Explain, when the reapers (angels) will gather the children of the Wicked One to everlasting punishment, and the children of the Kingdom to their rich reward in their Heavenly home.

Beware of the great enemy, Satan.

Mustard Seed—Many teachers may prefer to teach only one of the parables, as too many figures are apt to confuse children.

God's Kingdom is like mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, which a man sowed in his field. It grew and grew, until it became so large that birds could rest in its branches. (Little agencies, *little people*, can do great things in helping to spread God's Kingdom on earth.) This is the growth from without. As God's word is sown in people's hearts, His Kingdom grows and grows till all nations shall find shelter under its spreading branches. (Explain.)

Illustration—A lady was filling a mission-box for India. A child brought a tract and put it in the box. The tract was afterwards given to a Burman chief. It led him to Christ. The chief told the story of his new God to his friends. They were led to believe and cast away their idols. A church was built and a missionary sent for. Fifteen hundred converted was the result of the little seed the child's hand had sown.

The Leaven—Explain the use of yeast (working from within). God's word working in our hearts, spreads through our lives, making us live and grow for Jesus.

How can we help to spread the Kingdom?

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

"LIKE UNTO"

Perhaps the very simplicity of the Blackboard may attract attention. Have the "Like Unto" printed so large as to make it evident that there is to be nothing else added. This will set the scholars thinking. "Like unto"? That is a "parable." Follow with a question or two as to what a parable is, and a quick enumeration of all of our Lord's parables that they can recall. (It is a great thing to get the titles of the parables fixed in the memory. The title will recall the whole parable, as each parable will suggest its own appropriate spiritual truth.)

Select these four truths from the Lesson of to-day, to be made memorable—imbedded, by God's grace, in the hearts and consciences of the scholars.

1. Be slow to judge others. Only God knows the heart.
2. There is a reckoning time coming. Each will be judged then as he deserves.
3. A small beginning may make a great ending.
4. God works mightily, even when quietly.