

Draw & Color

Draw a picture of yourself planting a garden.

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Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43

Wheat and Weeds

Jesus told another story about God's reign.

"A farmer planted good seeds in his field. But in the middle of the night, someone who hated the farmer planted a whole bunch of weeds."

"That's terrible!" a woman said.

A man asked, "What happened when the plants started to grow?"

Jesus said, "The farmer let the weeds and wheat grow up together. If he tried to pull out the weeds, he might hurt the wheat."

"But what does that mean?" a woman asked.

"God wants all people to have a chance to grow and flourish," Jesus answered. "Trying to decide who is good, like wheat, and who is bad, like weeds, just hurts everyone. Trust that God knows everyone's heart."

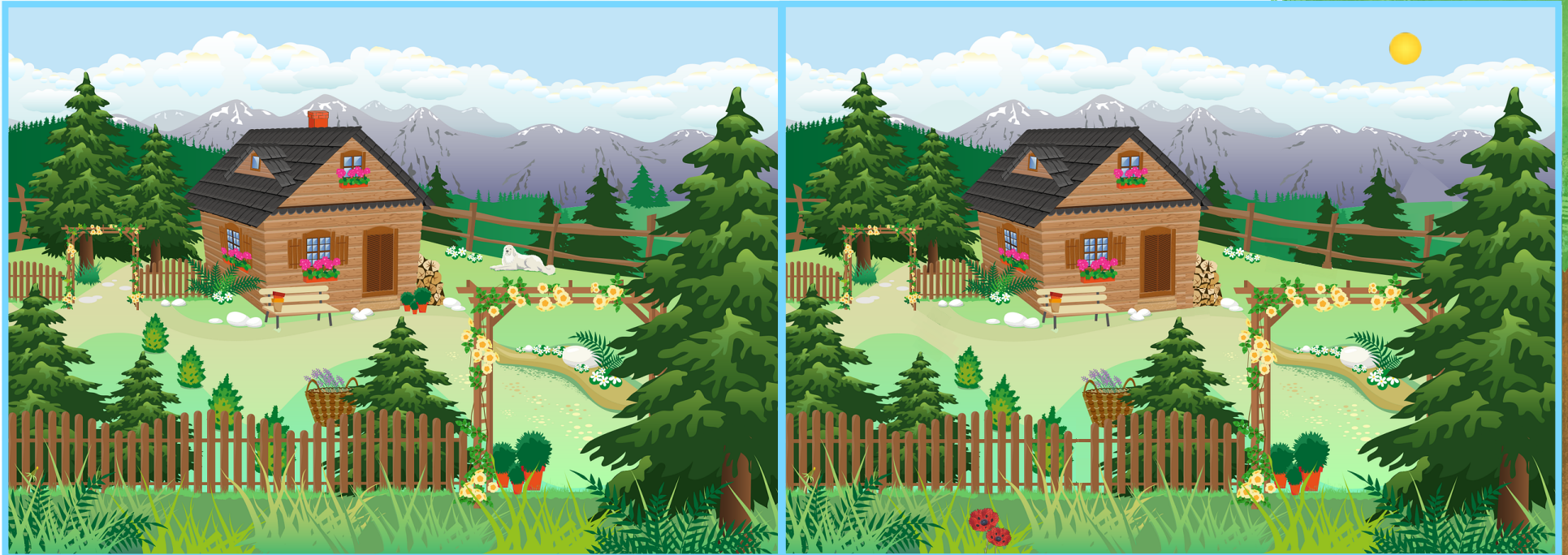
 **REMEMBER THIS**

FLOURISH

Grow big and strong, thrive, have success.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Someone snuck into the farmhouse yard and changed things a bit. Can you spot 9 differences between the two pictures?



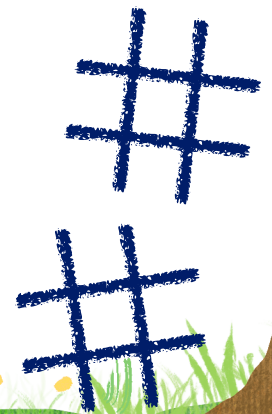
Did You Know?

The definition of a weed is just any plant that grows where you don't want it to grow. That means even roses could be weeds!



Did You Know?

There are lots of "weeds" you can cook with, including dandelions! (Make sure you ask a grown-up before you try them!)



TRY IT AT HOME!

Find a local garden (maybe there's one in your own back yard) and volunteer to help weed it.