

## Draw & Color

Draw a picture of a time someone explained something difficult to you.

ANSWERS: JESUS, REIGN, UNDERSTAND, YEAST, BREAD, VALUABLE, PEARL, PARABLES

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Matthew 13:31-33,  
44-52

## Stories of God's Reign

Crowds of people followed Jesus everywhere he went. They wanted to know more about how they could know and love God.

Jesus told the people about “the reign of God.” This was what it would be like when everybody let God be in charge and lived the way that God wanted them to.

He told them stories, called parables, to help them understand. Lots of his parables started like this: “The reign of God is like...”

Then Jesus would say that it’s like something the people might understand. Like a mustard seed, or a woman adding yeast to bread, or a man buying a valuable pearl.

When the people heard these things, they learned amazing things about God’s love.

### REMEMBER THIS

#### PARABLE

A parable is a short story to help people understand God’s ways.

# 🌸 STORY SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words from the story on the first page. Then unscramble the letters in the orange circles to solve the puzzle! (Answers on back page)

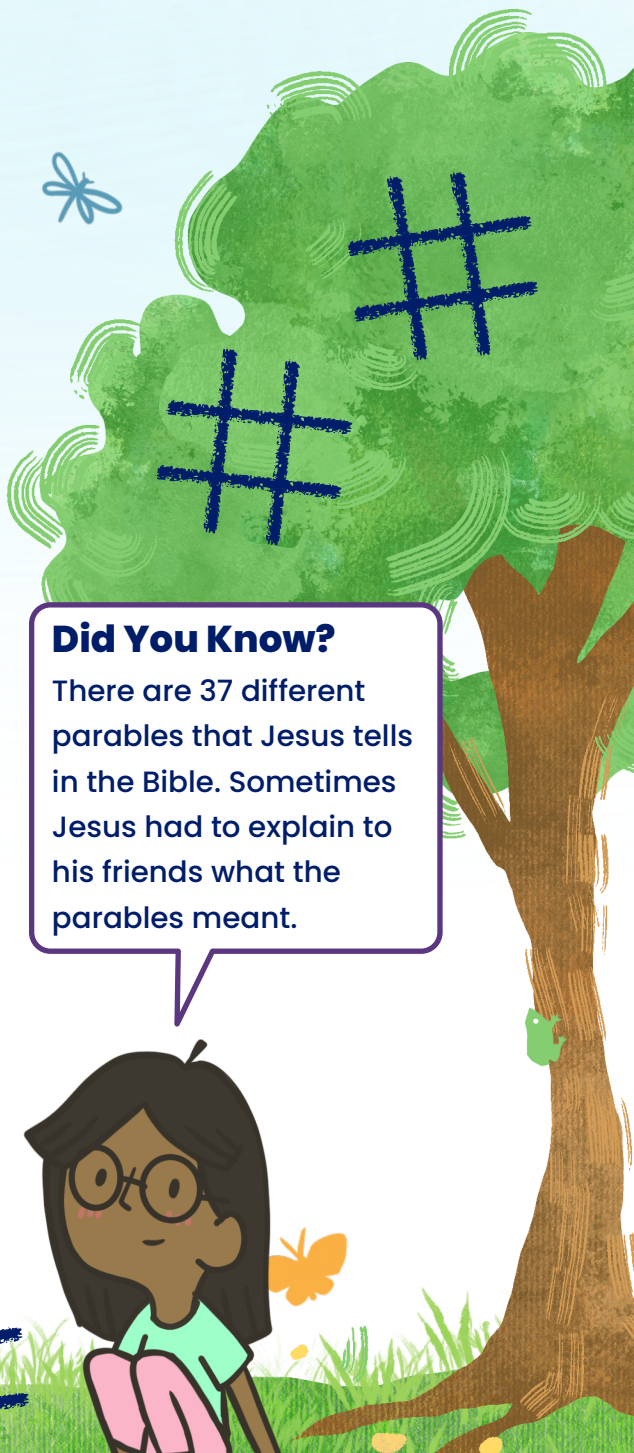
\_\_\_\_\_○ [SSJUE] TOLD EVERYONE STORIES THAT OFTEN STARTED LIKE THIS: “THE \_\_\_\_\_○ [GRINE] OF GOD IS LIKE...”

THEN JESUS COMPARED IT TO SOMETHING PEOPLE MIGHT \_\_\_\_\_○ [USNTDAENRD], LIKE: A \_\_\_\_\_○ [DRATSUM] SEED, OR A WOMAN ADDING \_\_\_\_\_○ [STAYE] TO \_\_\_\_\_○ [DABER] OR A MAN BUYING A \_\_\_\_\_○ [EVLABLUA] \_\_\_\_\_○ [APLER].



THESE STORIES OF JESUS WERE CALLED:

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**Did You Know?**  
There are 37 different parables that Jesus tells in the Bible. Sometimes Jesus had to explain to his friends what the parables meant.



## 🌸 TRY IT AT HOME!

Make up a parable. Compare God’s love to something in your life. How is God’s love like a teddy bear, for example? Or a video game?