

Lesson #1-23***Faith Like a Mustard Seed***

Matthew 13:24-45

**Key Verse:**

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.

Matthew 13:34

The Point:

In the kingdom of God, things that seem small can be powerful.

Unit Theme (February 17—March 3)

God's Power

The Smallest Can Share Great Faith

Invite the youngest children to lead a worship experience.

You will need:

- † Paper
- † Pens or pencils

Preparation:

1. Secure a date when participants can share the results of this activity with the rest of the congregation. If this is not possible, you can use it as a closing worship with this group.

Instructions:

1. **We have been talking about our powerful God acting through small things, so today we are going to incorporate that into our worship. Each**

small group will create a different part of the worship. The most important thing is to listen closely to the youngest members of the group, and take their direction for how the sections should go. Try to be as authentic as possible when recording the language and ideas of the children.

2. Assign each small group a different part, such as Bible stories, songs, and prayer. Encourage children to teach their favorites to the adults, as the adults take notes. If possible, invite the children to be the actual leaders of the worship experience, whether in church or during your class time.
3. Come back together and share what the children have created.