

# THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

*Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43*

## Matthew 13

<sup>24</sup>Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup>When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

<sup>27</sup>“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

<sup>28</sup>“‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

<sup>29</sup>“‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

<sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

<sup>40</sup>“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup>They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.



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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Who are the weeds? Who is the wheat?
5		2.) Who is the enemy that plants the "weeds"?
5		3.) What will happen to the "weeds" at the end of the age?
5		4.) Why do you think Jesus chose weeds to describe the evil ones?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age." Matthew 13:40

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*The owner of the field told the servant to wait to separate the weeds and wheat*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: WEEDS AND WHEAT

Students will plant “weeds” and “wheat” to remind them that a man sowed good seed in his field. At night, his enemy sowed weeds among the wheat.

### MATERIALS

1. Disposable Drinking Cups or Bowls
2. Potting Soil
3. 2 different kinds of seeds
4. Water



### DIRECTIONS

1. Give each student a disposable drinking glass or bowl.
2. Allow students to fill their cups  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with potting soil.
3. Give students one kind of seed and tell them that this is the good seed. Have them press it into the soil.
4. Give students another kind of seed and tell them that this is the bad seed. Have them press it into the soil.
5. Let students put a little bit of water into the cup.
6. Tell them to wait until both types of seeds have grown for two to three weeks. Have them pick out the ugly “weeds” and leave the “wheat”.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are planting their seeds, remind them that in the early stages of growth weeds and wheat may look very similar. One must wait until each is grown before determining which is which. The wheat in the parable represents the believers. The weeds represent the unbelievers. The field represents the world. At the end of the age, Christ will separate the believers from the unbelievers. Help students realize that here on earth it may be easy to confuse wheat and weeds (believers and unbelievers). Though all may look the same on the outside, it is the heart where the difference is significant. God looks at the heart. If students have not received Christ as their Savior, give them the opportunity.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.” Matthew 13:40*



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## *Matthew 13:24-43*

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

1. "...The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good (THREAD, SEED) in his field."  
MATTHEW 13:24

### TRUE OR FALSE:

2. "...but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way."  
MATTHEW 13:25  
TRUE OR FALSE
3. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, only the wheat appeared. MATTHEW 13:26  
TRUE OR FALSE
4. "...The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' " MATTHEW 13:28  
TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

5. "But he said, '(YES, NO), lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.' "  
MATTHEW 13:29
6. "Let both grow together until the (WEEKEND, HARVEST)..." MATTHEW 13:30

### TRUE OR FALSE:

7. "...at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " MATTHEW 13:30  
TRUE OR FALSE
8. "...He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man." MATTHEW 13:37  
TRUE OR FALSE

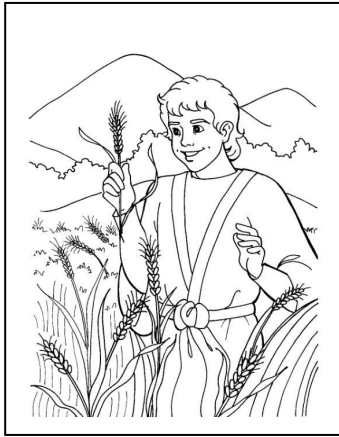
### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

9. "The enemy who sowed them is the (FARMER, DEVIL), the (WEEKEND, HARVEST) is the end of the age, and the reapers are the (ANGELS, WORKERS)." MATTHEW 13:39
10. "Therefore as the (TARES, WHEAT) are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age." MATTHEW 13:40
11. "Then the righteous will (SHINE, SET) forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father..."  
MATTHEW 13:43

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Jesus told a parable. A parable is a story with two meanings. There is an earthly meaning and a heavenly meaning. This parable was about a man who planted seeds in his field. While everyone was sleeping, his enemy

came and planted weeds among the wheat. Both the weeds and the wheat began to grow. The owner's servants came to him and asked where the weeds came from. The owner told the servants that his enemy planted the weeds. The servants asked the owner if he wanted them to pull out the weeds. The owner wanted to wait until harvest time to separate the weeds from the wheat. Then the weeds would be burned and the wheat would be taken into his barn.

Then Jesus explained what the heavenly meaning of the story is. Jesus said that he is the farmer who planted the good seed. The good seeds are Christians. The field is the world. The one who planted weeds is the devil. The followers of the devil are the weeds. Harvest time is the end of the age. The followers of the devil will be thrown into a fiery furnace while the Christians will have a place in heaven with Jesus.

For additional details about this story, please read Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. Who are the "weeds"? Who is the "wheat"?
2. Who is the enemy who plants the "weeds"?
3. What will happen to the "weeds" at the end of the age?
4. Why do you think the Jesus chose weeds to describe the evil ones?

## MEMORY VERSE

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age." Matthew 13:40

## FINISH THE PICTURE

