



**June 13, 2021**

**Mark 4:26-34**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

**O Lord,** your word is indeed life to us. May we receive it with joy, unencumbered by the concerns of our lives, caring only to hear your invitation of grace: abundant life in your service. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:30-32)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus taught by parables so that some would understand, while others were kept from knowing the word. For now, Jesus would invest in those ready to follow.**

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Third Sunday  
after Pentecost



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What does it take for seeds to grow? How much do they depend on human intervention, and how much is by design?**

**Sometimes we are not able to fully influence a situation—we can only plant a seed. When is the last time you planted a seed in someone? Did you see it come to fruition?**

**For the littles: How do you grow? God is helping you grow along with rest, play, and healthy food!**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May the God of growth help you find good soil for all the seeds you sow. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Pick a type of plant you'd like to grow. Find seeds and plant those seeds. Examine the seed carefully so you can truly appreciate how amazing it is that a plant comes from something so tiny!**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl](https://bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl) for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 13:23-14:23; Galatians 6:11-18  
Tuesday, Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:10-23; Revelation 21:22-22:5  
Wednesday, Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:24-31; Luke 6:43-45  
Thursday, Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Acts 20:1-16  
Friday, Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Acts 21:1-16  
Saturday, Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 18:1-4; Luke 21:25-28