Saint Peter’s Catholic School

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Third Grade Ch 26 Study Guide

Vocabulary

1. **Parable**: a short story that has a message
2. **Miracles**: amazing events that are beyond human power
3. **Kingdom of God**: the power of God’s love active in the world
4. **The Lord’s Prayer**: a prayer we say at Mass. Also called the Our Father

Jesus used parables to teach about the Kingdom of God

* Jesus wanted to teach people about God’s Kingdom
  + The people didn’t understand. They thought it was like an earthly kingdom, but it wasn’t
* Jesus wanted everyone to know that the **Kingdom of God** is the power of God’s love active in the world
* Jesus told **parables** to teach this to the people
* A **parable** is a short story that has a message
* Luke 13:18-19. Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a seed planted in a garden
* He wanted us to know that the kingdom of God started small but more people started responding to God’s love so the Kingdom of God grew

Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God will grow

* The kingdom of God is a kingdom of love
* Matthew 13:3-8; 18-23 Another parable Jesus told to help the people understand
  + A farmer planted seeds but some fell on the path and rocky ground. These seeds did not grow. But the seeds that landed in good soil grew into healthy plants
* The kingdom begins with the Good News of Jesus Christ and continues with us, the disciples
* Saint Elizabeth of Hungary: built shelters for those who were homeless, sick, and elderly. Through her actions people saw and felt God`s love active in the world

Jesus` miracles were signs of the kingdom of God

* Jesus did amazing things
  + Calmed the seas
  + Healed the blind
  + Walked on water
  + Changed water into wine
* **Miracles:** amazing events that are beyond human power
* Matthew 14:22-33.
  + When Jesus walked on water and challenged Peter to believe in him
  + Peter did but then became frightened
  + Jesus saved him
  + The disciples understood that Jesus is the Son of God
* The disciple`s faith and trust in grew
* The first disciples knew Jesus, saw his miracles, and believed. They tried to live as Jesus taught them.
* Because the first disciples showed their faith in Jesus, others came to believe in Jesus, too.

The Kingdom of God grows

* For the past 2,000 the Kingdom of God has continued to grow
* To being a witness to Jesus Christ is
  + Treating people with kindness and respect
  + Living peacefully with one another
  + Being far
  + Doing what is right all the time
  + Being faithful, active members of the church
* The Lord`s Prayer: We say it during Mass. It is also called the Our Father
* Jesus` coming at the end of time will be a joyful event
* We also ask God the father to help us to spread the kingdom in our families, schools, and neighborhoods