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Remind yourself of the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

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The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13: 31-35

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds^[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough."

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."^[b]

Now think about these questions:

- What do you have to do to plant seeds? Is it hard? Easy? Fun? Rewarding? Boring?
- What makes a plant grow? Do you have to take care of plants to make them grow? What do you need to do?
- Would you like to plant a mustard seed?
- Would you like to look after it?
- Would you like to be a bird that comes to shelter and settle in the mustard tree?
- When have you felt like a bird coming to find shelter?
- What places are like 'mustard trees' for you?

As Christians we believe that Jesus announced the arrival of the kingdom of God/heaven in his lifetime and that it is our responsibility to build it on earth now.

Can you write at least 3 things that they can do for each of these headings:

1. IN MY CLASSROOM...

To help build God's Kingdom in my classroom I can

2. IN MY SCHOOL...

To help build God's Kingdom in my school I can

3. IN MY HOME...

To help build God's Kingdom in my home I can

4. IN MY COMMUNITY...

To help build God's Kingdom in my community I can

