

Faith & Arts Activity Suggestions

July 5, 2020 Worship

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

(Parable of the Wheat & Weeds)

Idea #1: Write a ballad about the parable of the tares (weeds that look like wheat).

(Ballad poem tells a story. It is written in 4-line stanzas. The 2nd and 4th lines rhyme.)

Example: (by Lynne P. Sancken)

In the heat of the springtime sun
The farmer sowed good seed on his field.
He toiled hard and toiled long
Hoping for a larger yield.

That night as he lay at his rest
Dreaming of deep earth, good seed,
An enemy was quick to sow
Water hemp, a nuisance weed.

Where did all these weeds come from?
Wailed his group of hired hands.
Should we dig them up, they said.
And get them out of your planted lands?

No said the farmer. We'll wait 'til harvest.
Let them grow up without harm.
Let the reapers burn the weeds
And gather the grain into the barn.

And so the lesson from this tale
Christ made clear for everyone.
Follow righteous ways for good
And you will shine like the sun.



Idea #2: Set your ballad to a familiar hymn and sing it.

Idea #3: Symbolism & Art Activity

What kinds of qualities do you possess that act like weeds in your life? What are your strong qualities that fit the symbolism of the wheat in the parable? These are the qualities you want to nurture and harvest.

Art activity: Make a design that represents some of these ideas. It can include words and phrases or simply be shapes and colors to represent these concepts.

Children's activity: Draw a beautiful garden full of flowers. The flowers are like all the people who try to follow Jesus' teachings, it doesn't matter if there are some weeds around them, they keep growing anyway.