

Parables of Jesus

Our next Stay-at -Home series will be about the Parables Jesus told. Jesus used the parables to explain to us concepts that may otherwise be difficult to understand. Over the next several weeks we will look at the earthly stories and explain and apply the heavenly meaning that goes with them.

I have included a short story video for this lesson and plan on having a video for all future parable lessons. Please use the link below to access the video.

Link to the Story Video - Mustard Seed - <https://youtu.be/p-ELrOXnR5g>

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Parable of the Mustard Seed


Lesson Plan

Key Verses: ***Mark 4:31-32***

Objectives:

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Application:

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- I can share God's word with others.

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- I can apply the parable to the kingdom of heaven.
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What does a Seed Need? (page 13)

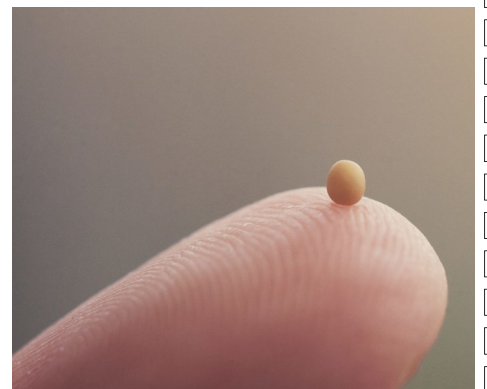
Jesus teaches us in Parables (Mark 4:31-32)

Our new topic for the next several weeks is going to be about the parables Jesus told his disciples. Before we start, let's discuss what a parable is. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. In other words, a parable is a story told that we can all understand about something most of us know about, but that story teaches us something about heaven, or Jesus, the church and God's plan for us, something we may not be so familiar with.

So for our first parable, let's read about an easy one. Jesus tells us this Parable in Mark 4:31-32 about what the kingdom of Heaven is like. He says...

It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³²but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

Have you ever seen a mustard seed? Well I have one right here. See how tiny it is? It is one of the smallest seeds.



The parable or earthly story shows me that a seed as small as a mustard seed can grow into a large tree. If this mustard seed was planted in the ground, watered, given sun and taken care of it can grow into a large tree big enough for birds to nest.

Well, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like that seed. If we take God's word. (What's God's Word? The bible right?) If we take God's Word, read it, learn,

practice it (do what it says) share it with others then His kingdom will grow. You will learn and become part of the kingdom, you will be an example to others of God's Word, and others will learn and follow as well. As His word spreads people believe and His kingdom grows, just like that little mustard seed grew into a full tree.



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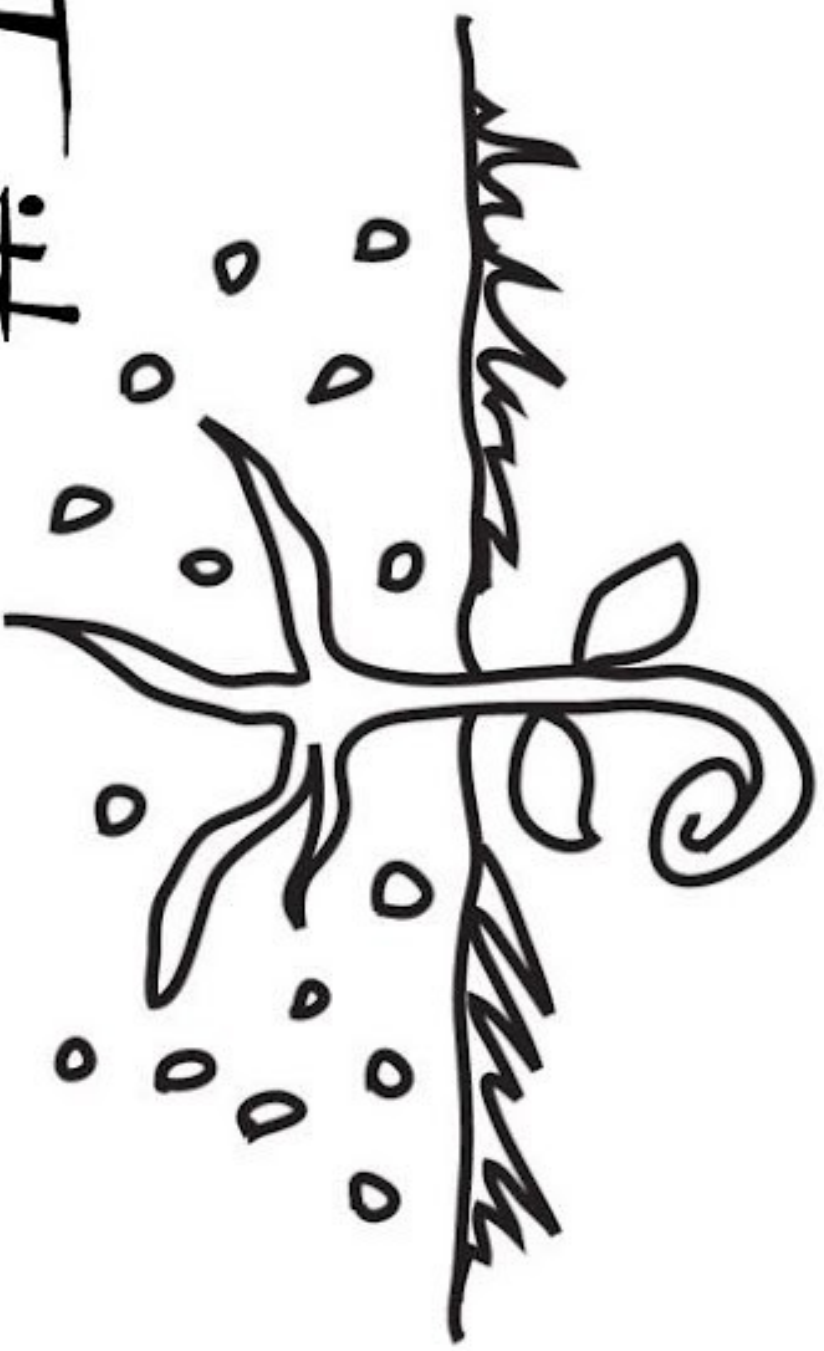
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What is a Parable?

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Faith is like a little seed-

If planted it will grow



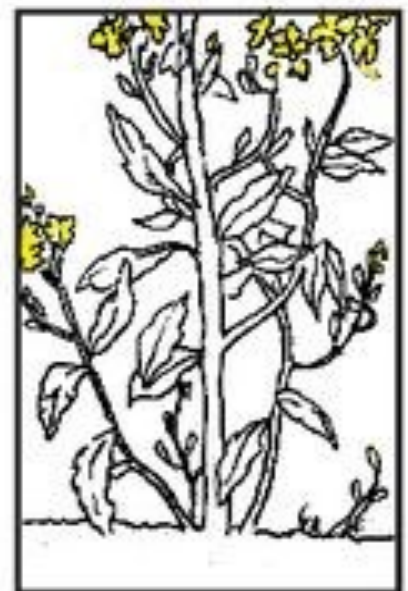
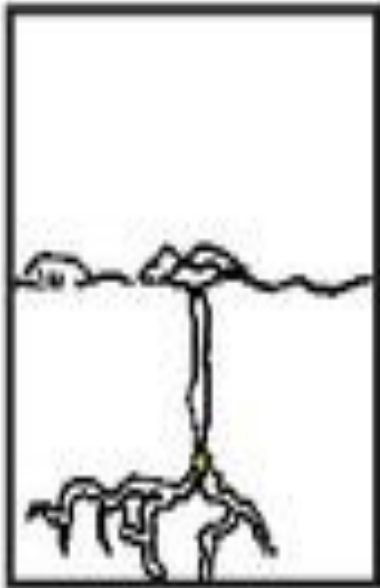
from a tiny
Mustard
Seed
grows

God's Family Tree

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32

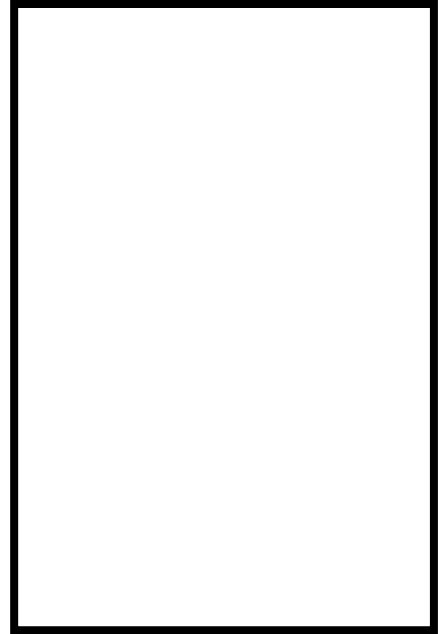
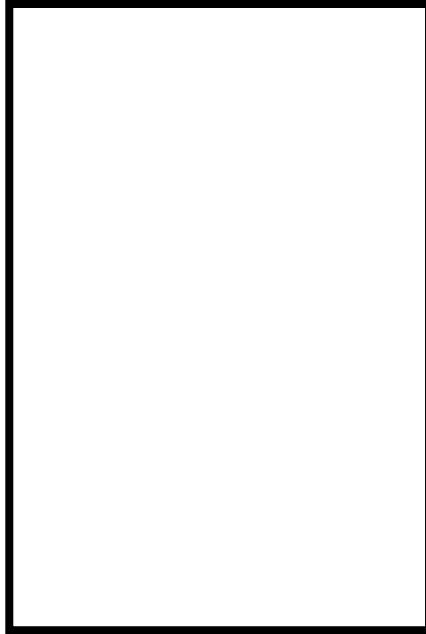
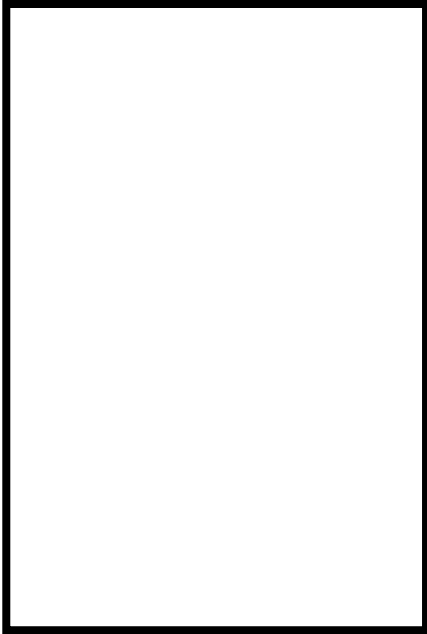
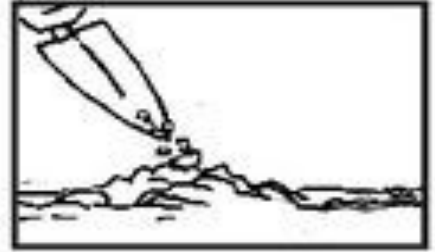
The Kingdom of Heaven is like a Mustard Seed...

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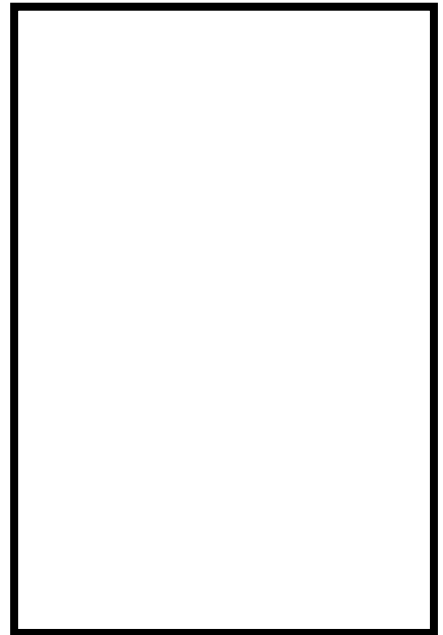
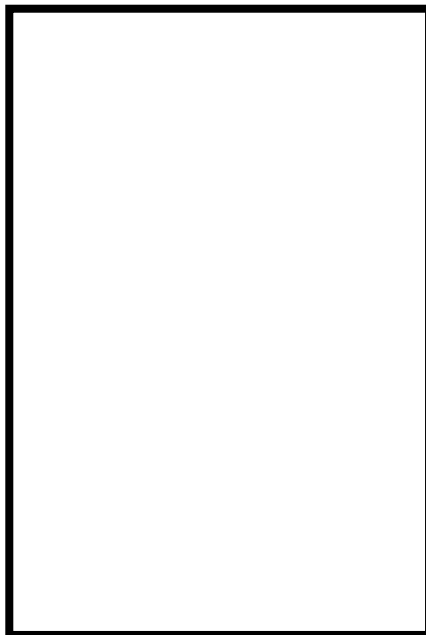
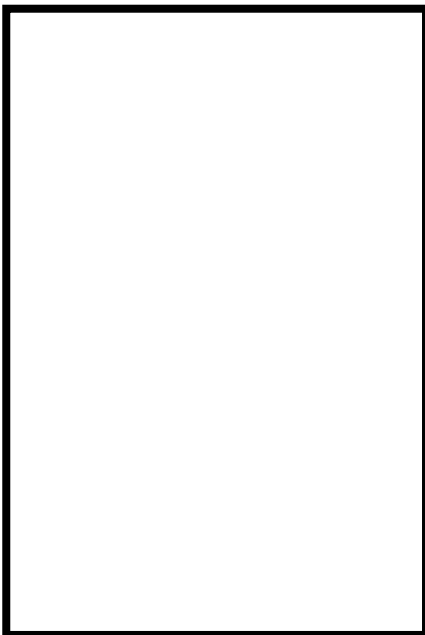


The Kingdom of Heaven is like a Mustard Seed...

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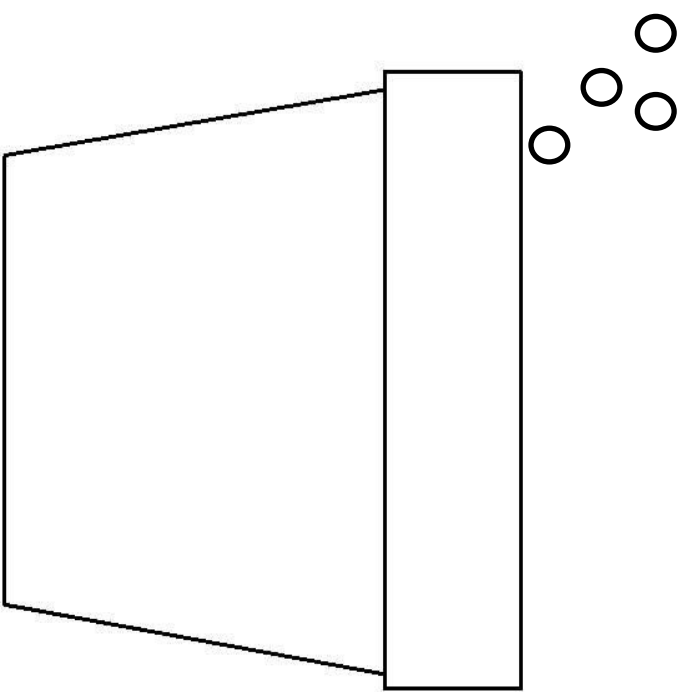
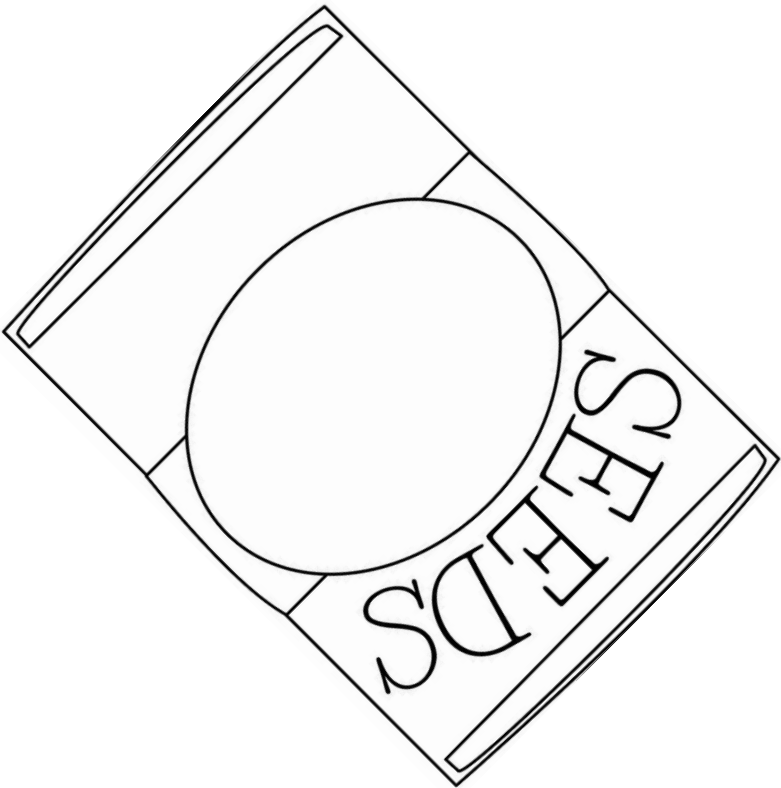
A tiny seed planted, watered and taken care of will grow. Just like the Kingdom of Heaven will grow when we read God's word, do His will and share it with others.



Parable of the Mustard Seed

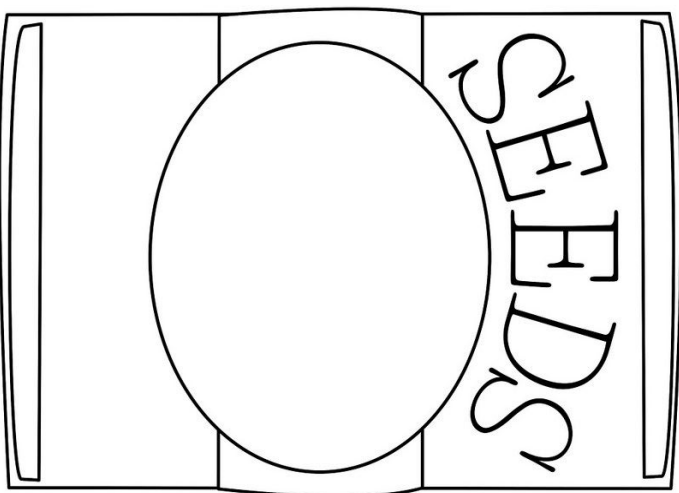
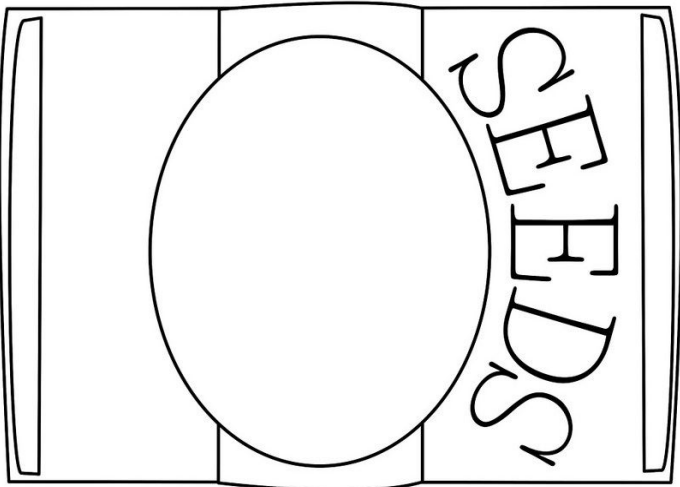
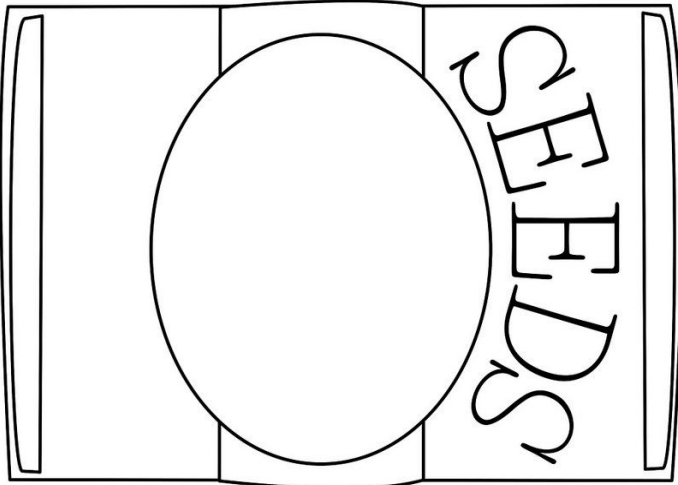
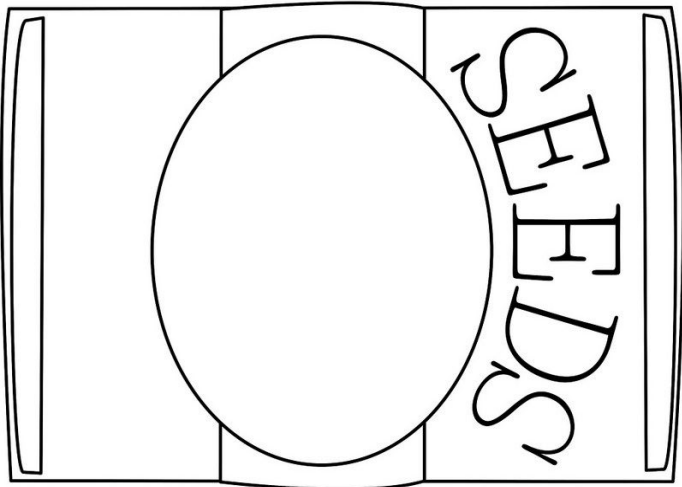
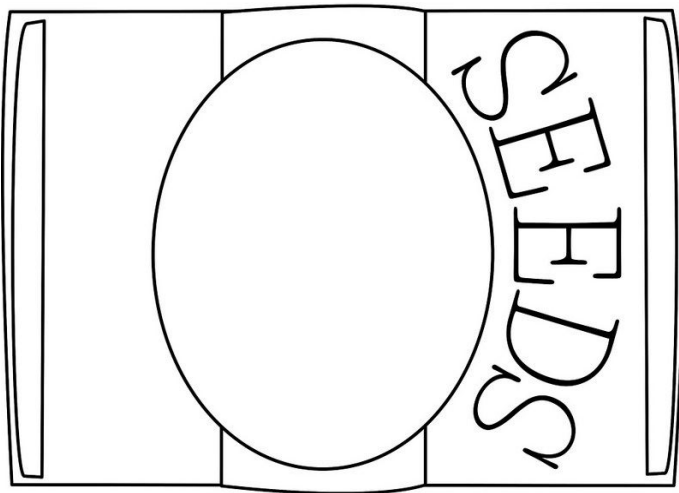
What can you do to take care of your "mustard seed"?

Draw pictures or write things that you can do to grow in God's Word.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Write things that you can do to grow the kingdom of heaven.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Just like plants we need things to grow.

Look up the verses below and write about what we need to grow too.

What does a
**SEED
NEED**
to grow?

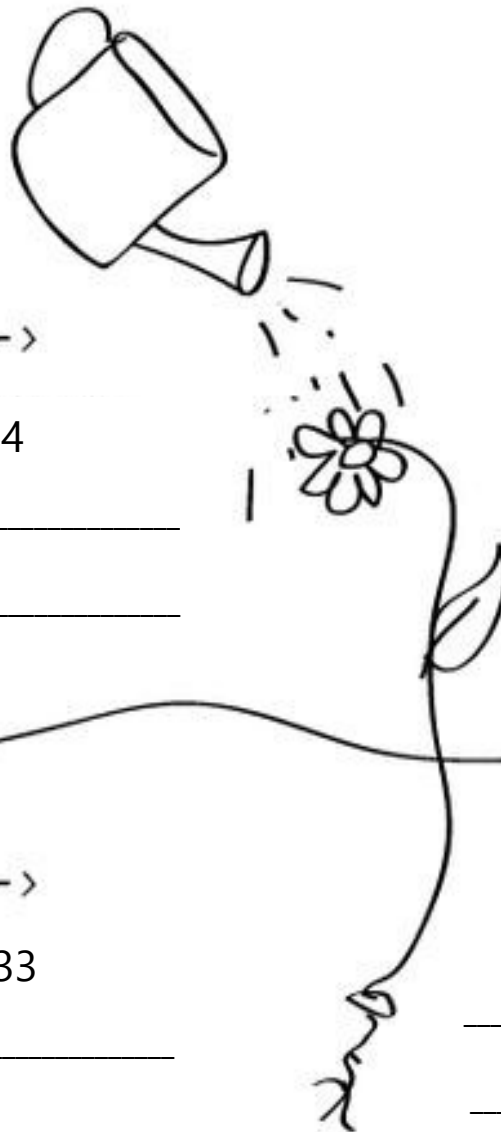
Light --->

John 8:12



Water --->

John 4:14



Weed out yuckies --->

1 Corinthians 15:33

<--- Good Soil

Mark 4:8
