

## SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big idea: Kingdom life begins now.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 6:25-34  
Matthew 21:33-44  
Matthew 7:21-27  
Matthew 13:24-43  
Matthew 13:44-45  
Matthew 18:1-6  
Matthew 18:21-35  
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#### Matthew 6:25-34

How is God's kingdom different from a "worldly" kingdom?  
How do you see God at work in His Kingdom?

#### Matthew 21:33-44

Why do you have trouble accepting God's Kingdom?

#### Matthew 7:21-27

How do you tell if you are in God's Kingdom?

#### Matthew 13:24-43

What does the Kingdom look like now?

#### Matthew 13:44-45

How much is "all you have"?

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Can the people around you be in the Kingdom?

### PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray the Lord's Prayer (found in Matthew 6:9-13).

Focus on the phrase

"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven"

Ask God what you can do today  
as a part of His Kingdom here on earth.

## FAMILY RESOURCE

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### READ MATTHEW 13:24

How did the "good" plants in your yard get there?  
Plant something "good" in your yard.

### READ MATTHEW 13:25-27

Who plants the weeds in your yard?  
Explore the yard and learn the difference between  
plants you want and weeds.

### READ MATTHEW 13:28-30

Try pulling up weeds.  
What is the best way to do it? Why?

### READ MATTHEW 13:36-39

Will we have a life without "weeds"?  
Make an obstacle course.

### READ MATTHEW 13:40-43

Who decides what is a weed?  
Who will get rid of the "weeds"? When?  
What do we do until then?  
Draw a picture of your favorite plant  
then tell everyone why it is your favorite.

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

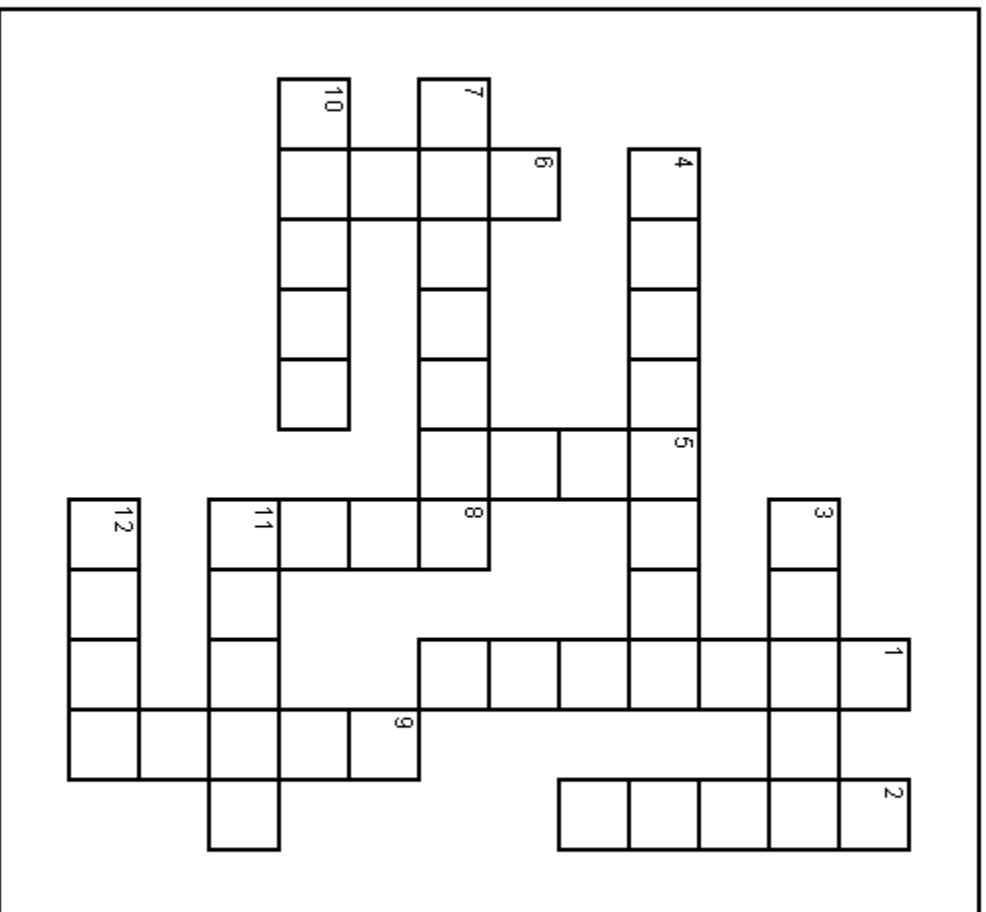
Can a weed change?  
Make something useful  
out of something you were going to throw away.

### MEMORY VERSE:

"Jesus \_\_\_ many \_\_\_ miraculous \_\_\_ in  
\_\_\_ presence \_\_\_ his \_\_\_, which \_\_\_  
recorded \_\_\_ this \_\_\_. But \_\_\_ are \_\_\_ that  
\_\_\_ may \_\_\_ that \_\_\_ is \_\_\_, the  
of \_\_\_, and \_\_\_ by \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ have \_\_\_ in  
\_\_\_." \_\_\_ 20:30-31

# Kingdom Life Begins Now

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



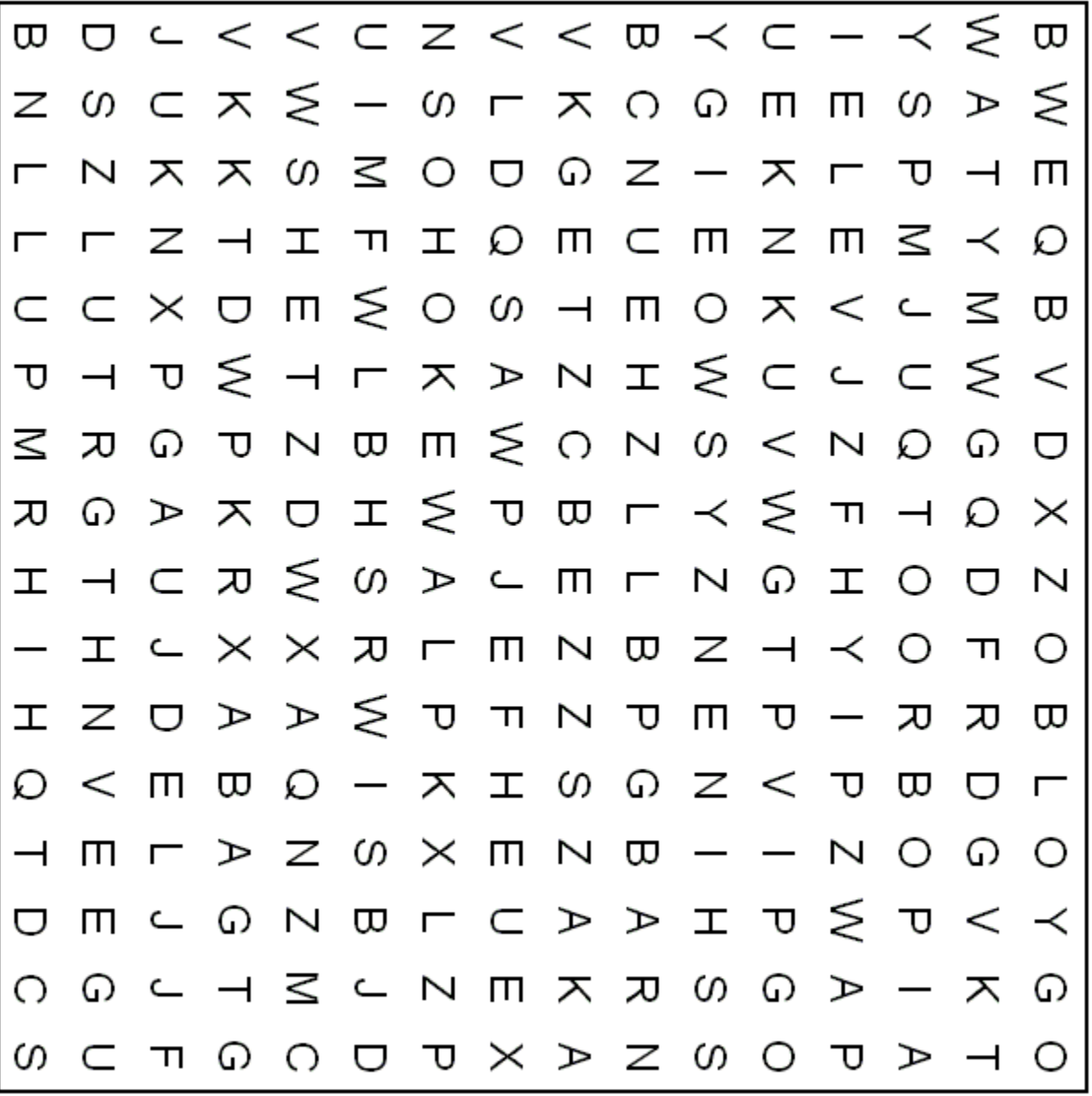
## Across

- give off light  
(Matthew 13:43)
- not awake  
(Matthew 13:25)
- story with a meaning  
(Matthew 13:34)
- not a friend  
(Matthew 13:25)
- planted (Matthew 13:24)
- plant part that grows underground  
(Matthew 13:29)

## Down

- a whole nation  
(Matthew 13:24)
- plants that don't belong  
(Matthew 13:25)
- tug (Matthew 13:28)
- place to store crops  
(Matthew 13:30)
- we use them to listen  
(Matthew 13:43)
- grain used to make bread  
(Matthew 13:26)

# Kingdom Life Begins Now



sowed

parable

ears

shine

wheat

kingdom

sleeping

weeds

pull

barn

root

enemy

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1. EDSWO \_\_\_\_\_
2. EENNYM \_\_\_\_\_
3. PRBALAE \_\_\_\_\_
4. EENSGILP \_\_\_\_\_
5. RTOO \_\_\_\_\_
6. SIEHN \_\_\_\_\_
7. ULLP \_\_\_\_\_
8. EEDWS \_\_\_\_\_
9. OKNIDMG \_\_\_\_\_
10. HETAW \_\_\_\_\_
11. ESRA \_\_\_\_\_
12. ABRN \_\_\_\_\_