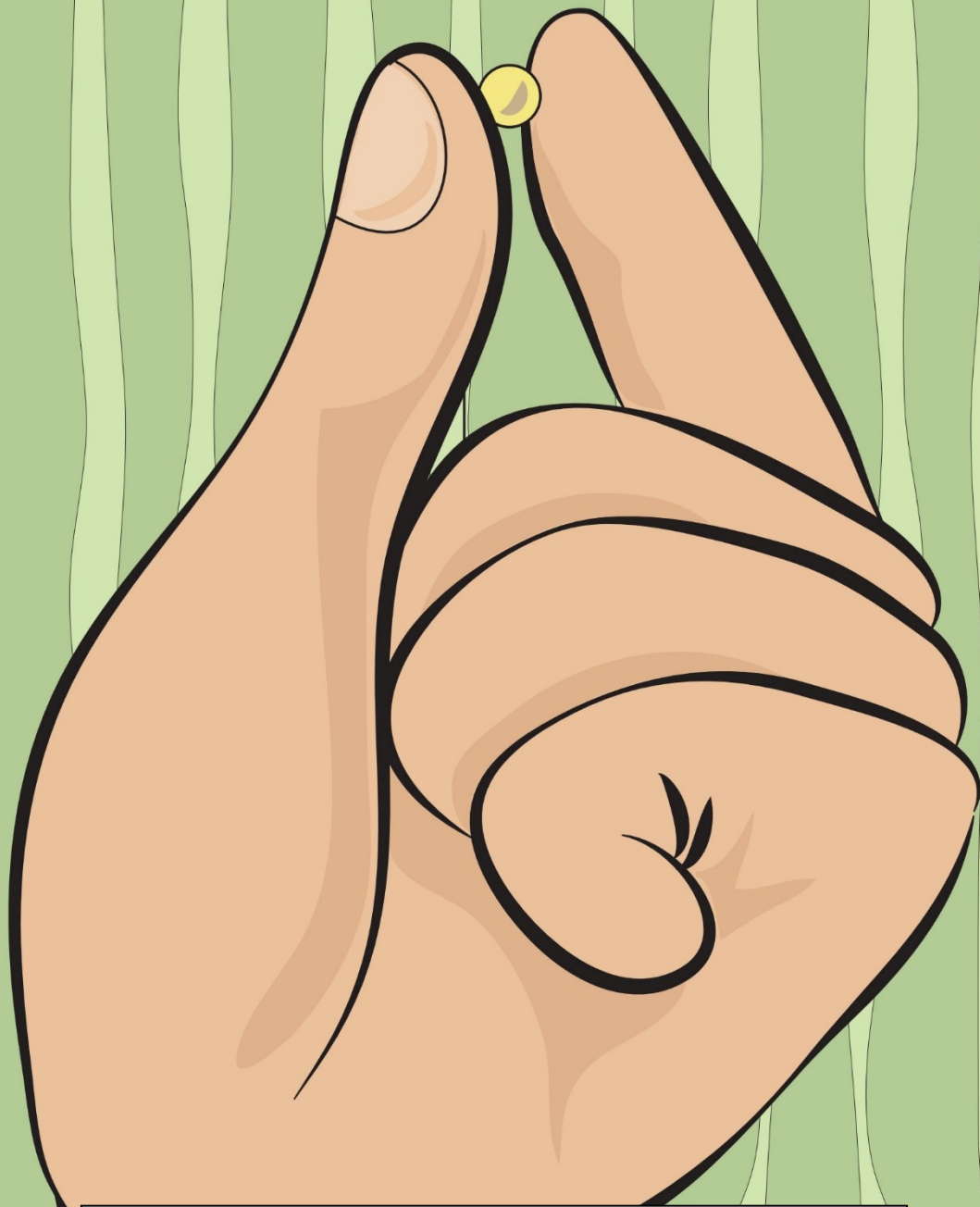


The Mustard Seed



Baby and Toddler Lesson

Story



Jesus told the people a parable about a mustard seed.

He wanted to teach them about the kingdom of God.

One day, a farmer went to plant some seeds in his field.

When he looked at the mustard seed, it was very small.

The farmer planted it with care.

He dug a hole, covered the seed with soil, and gave it water.

The little seed grew into a small plant.

Each day, the farmer watered the plant, and the sun shone on it.

The plant grew bigger and bigger.

The plant grew so big that the birds made nests and lived in the tree.

The mustard seed reminds us, the smallest things we do in the kingdom of God can grow into something bigger than we could ever imagine.

Small to Big

Jesus taught about a mustard seed which was the smallest of the seeds but grew into a big tree

Skills learned:



Vocabulary



Logic



Hand-Eye
Coordination

Materials needed:

Seeds or items of different size.

(For younger children use printable images of seeds)



Preparation:

Cut out the seeds and lay on a tray.

Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Review the words “small and “big” with the child.

Ask the child questions like, “Is this ___ small?”

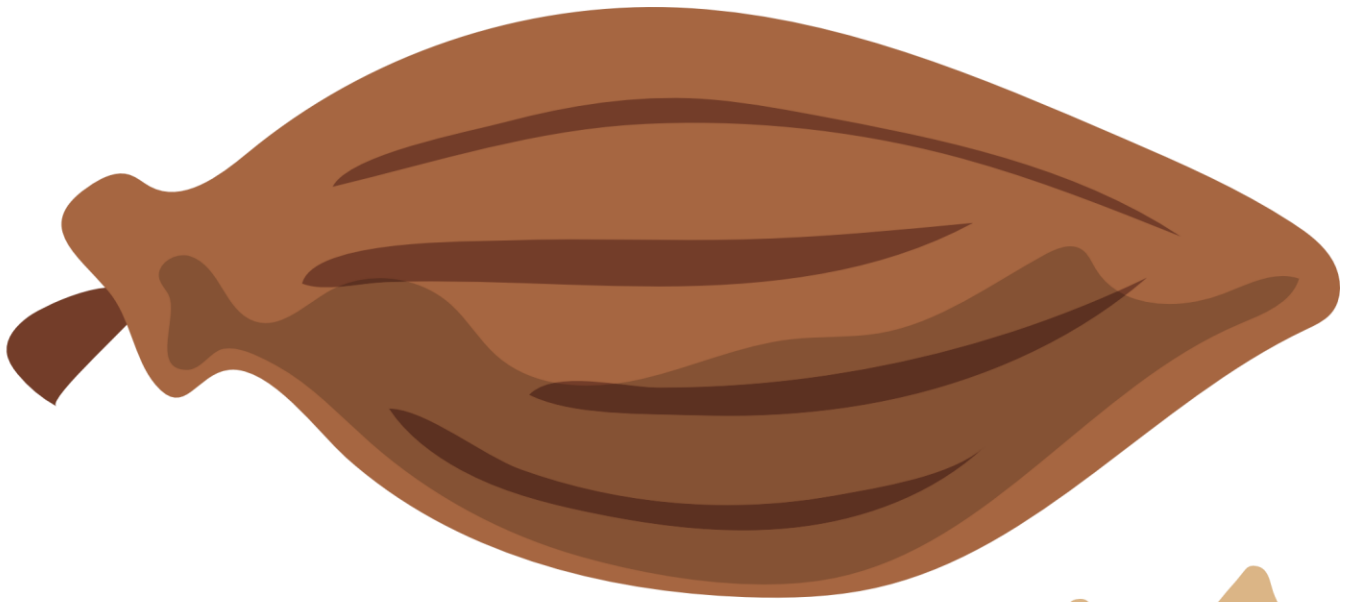
Show the child the tray with seeds of different sizes.

Ask them to sort the small seeds from the big seeds.

Either create a pile of big or small seeds or sort from smallest to biggest.

Prompt with questions if needed.

Talk about how even small seeds can grow into big plants.



Mustard Squeeze

Jesus spoke about the mustard seed. In this activity children will use mustard to learn shapes, numbers and letters

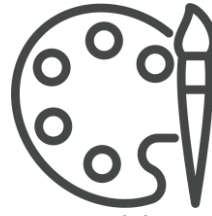
Skills learned:



Fine Motor skills



Colours and
Shapes



Creativity

Materials needed:

Squeeze Sauce Bottle

Mustard sauce or yellow paint

Paint

Pencil

Preparation:

Fill the sauce bottle.

Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Squeezing helps with strengthening of fingers and grip.

Show the child how to squeeze the 'mustard' from the bottle.

Allow them to make patterns on the paper with the paint.

Lightly draw some shapes, numbers, or letters on the paper.

Encourage the child to trace the shape by squeezing the paint on the line.



Bird Nests

The mustard tree is so big that birds built nests in there

Skills learned:



Fine Motor skills



Nature



Creativity

Materials needed:

Playdough

Photos of bird nests

Preparation:

None

Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Birds build different kinds of nests.

Review some images of different nests. Talk about how they are different.

Provide children with some dough and encourage them to mould it into a bird nest.

They can get creative too and make really unique nests.

Make small balls for eggs to place in the nest.

Count how many eggs are inside.



Bird Nest Pasta

Getting creative with food increase children's appetite and willingness to try new foods

Skills learned:



Life Skill



Sensory
development



Fine Motor skills

Materials needed:

Spaghetti or other pasta

Meatballs (or vegetarian alternative)

Sauce



Preparation:

Precook the foods ready for assemble

Steps:

For Toddlers:

Ask the child to help you plate the food to look like a bird nest.

Arrange the cooked pasta round and round like a nest.

Pour in sauce in the middle.

Place meatballs for eggs in the nest!

When it's ready, congratulate the child for helping prepare the food.

Toddlers can practice eating pasta on their own and be independent.

Younger kids can make pasta a "finger food" by using their hands.

Planting fun

Jesus told the parable about a farmer who went to plant some seeds. Help children learn and watch plants grow in this planting activity.

Skills learned:



Materials needed:

- Bean seeds (or other quick growing seed)
- Soil / Compost
- Cup
- Tray
- Watering can / spray.



Preparation:

None

Steps:

For Toddlers:

- Ask the child to fill a cup with compost.
- Talk about how the compost feels as they fill the cup.
- Next ask them to make a small hole in the soil with their finger and to drop in the seed.
- Cover the hole and water.
- Place in a sunny location and wait for the plant to grow.
- Take notice each day to see the changes in the plant and watch it grow.

Birds in the tree

In this activity children will learn colours while be reminded how the birds nested in the tree.

Skills learned:



Materials needed:

Green paper

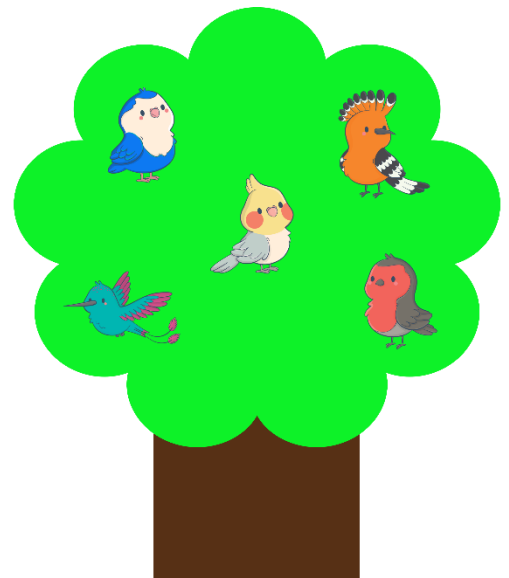
Printable bird page

Sticky tack

Preparation:

Cut out the birds and attached some sticky tack to the back of each bird

Tape some green paper on a wall or board to make a tree.



Steps:

For babies:

Ask the child to put the birds into the tree.

Encourage them to press the bird firmly so that it remains in the tree.

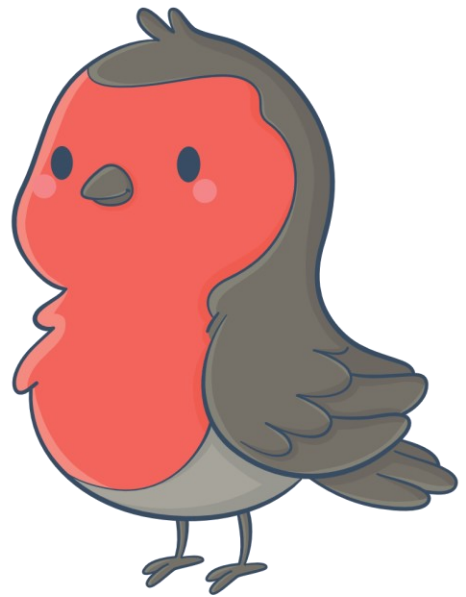
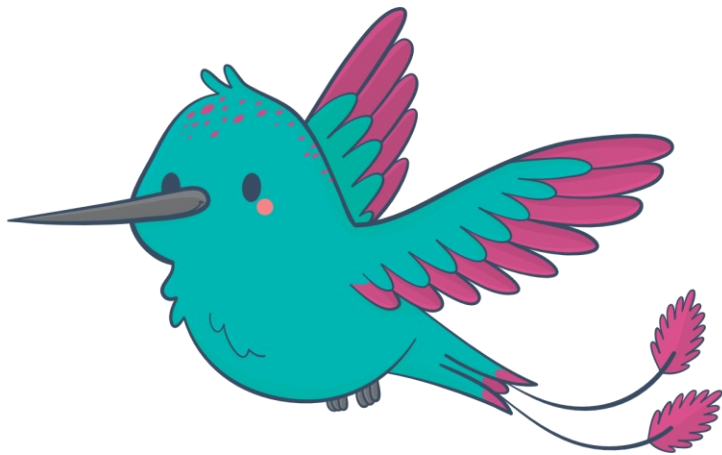
For Toddlers:

Spread the bird images around the room.

Ask the child to put the x colour bird in the tree.

Repeat with each bird.

Count how many birds are in the tree each time you add a new bird.



Songs



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