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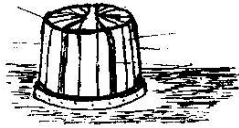
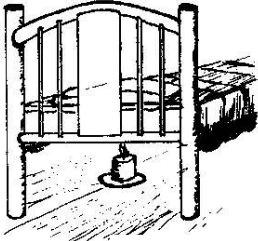
LESSON 14

MARK 4:21-34

PARABLE OF A CANDLE

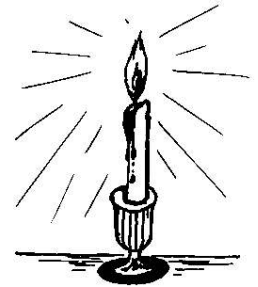
READ MARK 4:21-25

Jesus always told the parable stories to teach us spiritual lessons.



Fill in the blanks.

1. The story is about a (verse 21)
2. Where do we NOT put a candle? (verse 21)



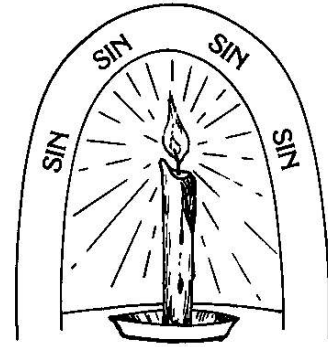
3. Why do we not put a candle in these places?
4. We DO put a candle on (verse 21)
5. Why do we do that?
6. Why do we light a candle anyway?

When Jesus comes into our hearts, the sin and darkness goes away. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Just as we can use one candle to light another, so Jesus will give us light. Then He tells us to obey Matthew 5:16. Look up this verse and write it down

In this parable Jesus tells us not to hide the light He has given us. We are to let our light shine.

Christians can sin by hiding their light. Sin can make the light of our witness go out like a light goes out. (Job 21:17). When we know we are sinning, we must put our sin away. Then God will light the candle of our witness again. (Read Psalm 18:28.)



Verse 22. When the light from God shines into our hearts, can we hide any of our sins from Him?

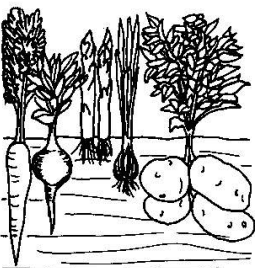
Can we keep any secrets from God? Even one?

Verse 23 tells us to use our ears. In verse 24, Jesus said to be careful what we hear. We should not listen to bad talk or filthy jokes. There are also many false teachers, so Jesus warns us to be careful what we hear. We must study God's Word so we will be able to tell what is really God's truth. Then we will not be fooled by Satan's lies that look like the truth. When we learn to know the truth of God's Word, we will get more truths. (verse 25)



PARABLE OF A GARDEN

READ MARK 4:26-29



1. When a man plants a garden, what does he put into the ground? . This is something that God expects the man to do.

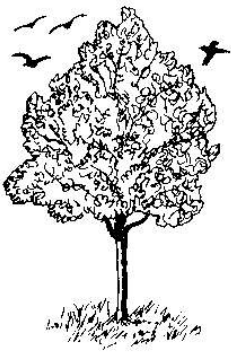
2. Does a man know how to make the seed grow leaves and make a crop?
This is the part that God does.
3. What is the seed that Jesus really talks about?

This story means that we are to plant the seed of God's Word in people's hearts. This is our part. Then God will make it grow. That is God's part.

4. As soon as the grain is ripe, what is the next thing that has to be done? (verse 29)

PARABLE OF A MUSTARD SEED

READ MARK 4:30-34

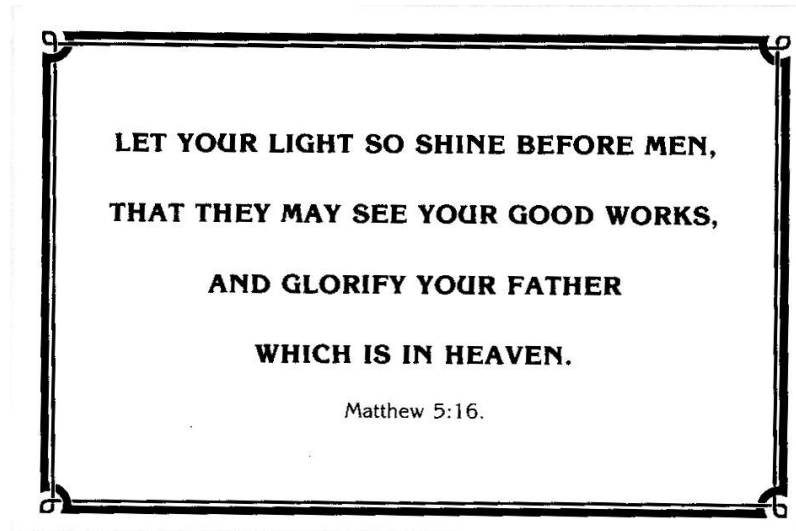


1. What kind of seed does Jesus talk about in this story? (verse 31)
2. What is this seed like? (verse 31)
3. What grows from the seed? (verse 32)

In this seed parable, Jesus teaches us more about the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God was very small when it began, but now there are many believers.

The kingdom of God on earth grew from something small. God planted it. His Son, Jesus, was born a little baby in Bethlehem. He grew to be a man. Nobody ever taught as Jesus taught. Nobody could do miracles as Jesus did. Jesus started the Christian faith and it has grown and spread (like a great tree, Mark 4:32) over the earth. All who believe in Jesus as their Savior become part of God's kingdom.

The birds fowls of the air (verse 32), come and find shelter under the shadow of the great tree. The birds are not part of the tree. They come and go. But they find shelter in the shadow of the great tree. Many people, like the birds, are not part of God's kingdom, but they are helped by the good that comes from the kingdom of God.



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