

Who has the Cress table sign?

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE SIGN AND READS OUT THE WORDS:

The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.

The Kingdom of God - what's that? Well, it's not a country or a place. It's a choice we make. When we choose to make God the king of our lives, that's when we begin to live in his Kingdom. And that's when all sorts of things change.

It's a bit hard to describe, but Jesus gave us lots of pictures to help us to understand. Once, he said that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.

The mustard seeds that Jesus was talking about weren't the same as these cress seeds we've planted today, but they were just as tiny. They don't look like much, do they?

Who has the Gingerbread People table sign?

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE SIGN AND READS OUT THE WORDS:

It is the smallest of all seeds.

Quite often, we don't feel like much, either. We look at all the bad things that happen, and all the people who need help, and we feel small and useless and hopeless. What difference can I make in such a big, messed-up world?

Who has the Coasters table sign?

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE SIGN AND READS OUT THE WORDS:

A man planted it in his field.

Jesus knows how little and helpless we feel. And he doesn't expect us to have the answers. He just asks us to do what we can, and trust him to do the rest - a bit like a farmer or gardener, who plants a seed and waters it, and then trusts God to make it grow.

The little bit that we can do might feel as small as a mustard seed. But when we choose to make God our King, the little things we do can have really big results.

If God's our King, then that means we choose to follow his rules. Even when it's hard to do the right thing - like tell the truth or forgive someone - we will try our best.

If God's our King, then that means we trust him to help us. When we're worried or sad, we'll say a prayer to ask for his help.

Little things? Yes. But look what happens next.

Who has the Pictures table sign?

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE SIGN AND READS OUT THE WORDS:

It grew and became a tree.

When we pray, we open a door that lets God into our problems. Imagine that: opening a door to let in the King of the whole universe, just to help *us*! But that's what prayer does. And God always, always answers.

When we follow his rules, everything changes. Can you imagine what your school or home or village would be like, if nobody ever lied or stole or hurt each other, because they all loved each other and looked after each other?

Who has the Mobiles table sign?

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE SIGN AND READS OUT THE WORDS:

The birds perched in its branches.

When we do those little things - trust God and obey him - that's when we see what God's Kingdom is really like. Imagine if you were a little bird looking for shelter in a storm: Jesus said the Kingdom of God is like a huge, strong tree where all the birds can live and be safe.

We begin to build God's Kingdom here on earth when we invite him into our lives and homes and communities - when we make him our King and follow his teaching.