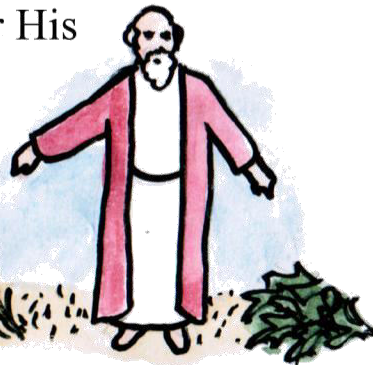# Weeds Among the Wheat

Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.
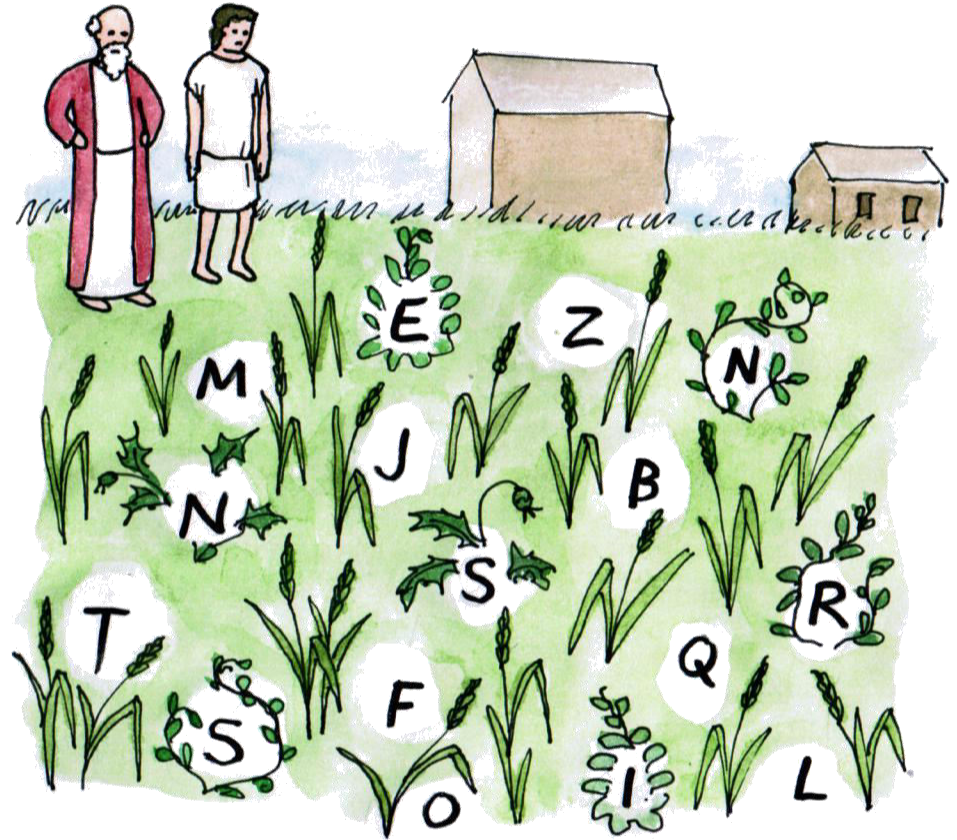
All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.

Answer to front page: sinners
Answers for sort-out-the-pictures: top:3,6 middle:5,2 bottom:1,4 OR top:5,6 middle:4,2 bottom:1,3.

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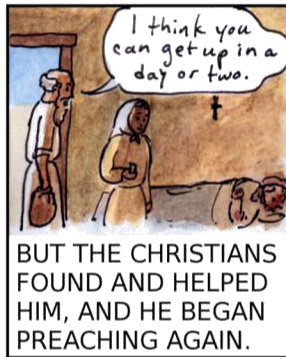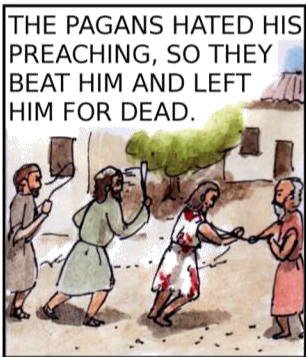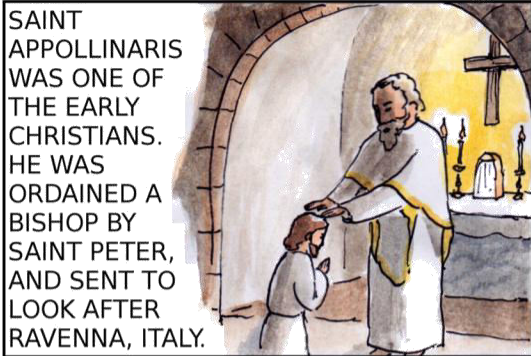
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What did the weeds in today's parable represent? Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.

The weeds are any plant that doesn't look like this.

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St. Appollinaris of Ravenna
July 20

SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS ONE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS. HE WAS ORDAINED A BISHOP BY SAINT PETER, AND SENT TO LOOK AFTER RAVENNA, ITALY.

HE WAS THE FIRST BISHOP THERE AND MADE CONVERTS BY DOING MIRACLES.

Bishop Appollinaris cured my sickness!

THE PAGANS HATED HIS PREACHING, SO THEY BEAT HIM AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD.

I think you can get up in a day or two.

BUT THE CHRISTIANS FOUND AND HELPED HIM, AND HE BEGAN PREACHING AGAIN.

THEN HE WAS CAPTURED AGAIN AND TORTURED AND SENT IN EXILE TO GREECE.

BUT THERE HE SILENCED THE PAGANS TOO, SO THEY BEAT HIM AND SENT HIM BACK TO ITALY.

How can you believe in gods made of stone?

Hey! That man is a Christian!

THE EMPEROR OUTLAWED CHRISTIANS, SO SAINT APPOLLINARIS HAD TO HIDE. HE WAS SEEN LEAVING THE CITY AND WAS BEATEN. HE DIED SEVEN DAYS LATER.

SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS A TRUE HERO FOR THE FAITH. HE KEPT GOING BACK TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH HE KEPT GETTING BEATEN AND TORTURED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US TO NEVER QUIT HELPING PEOPLE COME TO GOD EVEN WHEN OTHERS KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST US.

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Sort Out the Pictures:
The Weeds and the Wheat

What happened in today's parable?
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes
to show the order in which the story went.

Now we'll gather and burn the weeds.

Shall I tear the weeds out?

No, or else the wheat will be pulled up too!

Who has done this?

The enemy.