

Parable of the Weeds

Reader's theater version

CHARACTERS: 9, doubling possible

COSTUMES: none specified

PROPS: none specified

SETTING: Israel in the time of Christ

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 13

A: Jesus told parables.

B: That fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet.

A: I will open my mouth in parables,

B: I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world

A: One day Jesus told this parable.

JESUS: The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

B: But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

A: When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

B: The owner's servants came to him and said

SERVANT 1: Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field?

SERVANT 2: Where then did the weeds come from?

OWNER: An enemy did this.

SERVANT 2: Do you want us to go and pull them up?

OWNER: No, because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them.

SERVANT 1: Shall we let both grow together until the harvest?

OWNER: Yes. I will tell the harvesters to first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.

A: Jesus left the crowd and went into the house.

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B: His disciples came to him and said,

THOMAS: Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.

JESUS: The one who sowed the good seed is me, the Son of Man.

C: The field is the world,

D: And the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom.

THOMAS: That would be disciples like the twelve of us.

JESUS: Right. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

C: The enemy who sows them is the devil.

D: The harvest is the end of the age

C: The harvesters are angels.

D: As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

JESUS: I, the Son of Man will send out my angels.

C: They will weed out of Jesus' kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

D: They will throw them into the fiery furnace,

C: Where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

D: Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

EVERYONE: (*in unison*) He who has ears, let him hear.

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