



# Stories Jesus told

## THE SERIES AT A GLANCE

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3 meetings of 5 minutes



Understanding parables and discovering what God's kingdom is like



Preparation: 5 min



**How to use the series:** Use one part in each of three meetings in a row. At the start, briefly recall the previous part.

## 1 Part 1: The treasure in the field

**Bible:** Matthew 13:44

A man is digging in a field and finds a treasure. In his joy he sells everything he has and buys the field. Jesus says: that is how valuable it is to belong to God – it is worth more than everything else.



**Question:** What is a real treasure for you?



**Prayer:** *Dear God, thank you that you want to be my greatest treasure. Amen.*



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## 2 Part 2: The tiny mustard seed

**Bible:** Matthew 13:31–32

A mustard seed is tiny. But when it is sown, it grows into a bush so big that birds build their nests in it. Jesus says: that is what God's kingdom is like – it starts small and becomes big. Even a small faith can grow.

 **Question:** What small good thing could you do today?

 **Prayer:** *Lord Jesus, let my faith grow like a mustard seed. Amen.*

## 3 Part 3: The lost coin

**Bible:** Luke 15:8–10

A woman has ten silver coins and loses one. She lights a lamp, sweeps the whole house and searches until she finds it. Then she celebrates with her friends. Jesus says: that is how God rejoices over every person who comes back to him.

 **Question:** How does it feel to find something you had lost?

 **Prayer:** *Thank you, God, that you look for me and rejoice over me. Amen.*



## For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.