



Children's Church – 19th July
Matthew 13: 24-30 and 36-43
Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds

Song: Can You Plant A Bean?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCKEdDEr82k>

Jesus told **The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds**. A farmer sowed his wheat seeds in a field, but when he was not there, his enemy came and sowed the seeds of weeds in the same field. The wheat started to grow, but so did the weeds! The farmer told his servants NOT to pull up the weeds, but to let them grow alongside the wheat, and when it was all fully grown, THEN he would allow them to pull up the weeds and get rid of them.

A parable is a way of explaining something through a story. Imagine that the farmer is God and both types of seed, the wheat and the weeds, are people. Now read it again!

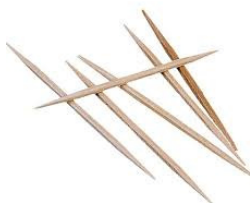


In this parable, Jesus teaches us that we are not the ones to judge others. He explains this by saying that we should not pull up the weeds as they are growing – it is not our job! We can try to see others as loved by God and pray for all people to know and accept Him. We can't know what is inside the hearts of other people, but God does, so we leave it to Him.



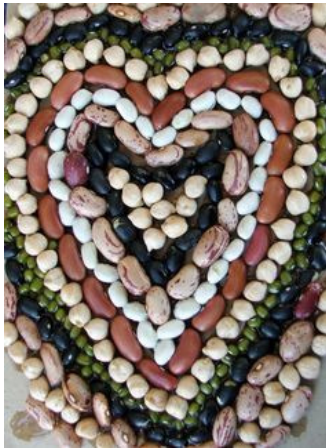
Activity:

To see how difficult it is to be the ones to separate different things, have a go at this challenge! Put toothpicks in a bowl of dry rice and try to pluck them out with a clothes peg. You could have 2 bowls with the same number of toothpicks in and have a race with someone else! When you've finished, think about how hard it is to do it well!





Craft: Seed Heart



You could make a heart from seeds to remind you of this parable and that God alone truly knows our hearts and the hearts of other people. Draw a heart shape onto a piece of card and practise arranging all sorts of different seeds inside it. Follow the shape of the heart if you can and you will get lots of smaller hearts inside! Stick them down with craft glue. You could cut it out and thread ribbon through a hole in the top if you would like to hang it up! There is a template of a heart with these sheets.



Prayer:

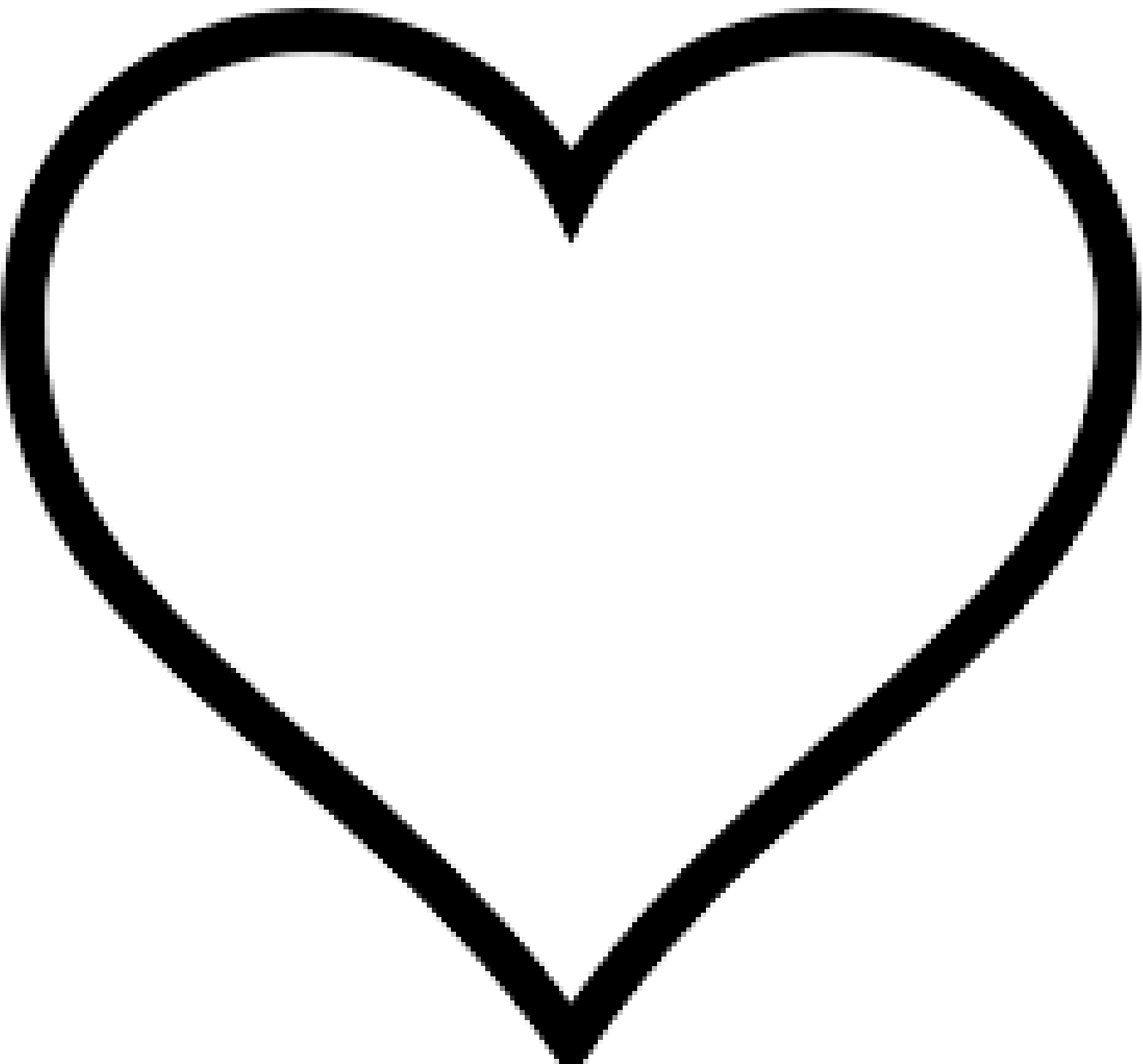
Dear Lord

Thank you for loving us all so completely. Please help us to not judge others, but to understand that You see into others' hearts in a way that we never could.

Amen



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Color the Wheat

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