

Children's Church – 26th July
Matthew 13:33
The Parable of the Yeast

Jesus used parables – which means stories – to tell people about God's love.

We have already looked at some of them. Now he tells more to explain this wonderful gift. This week we're looking at **The Parable of the Yeast**.

³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough." (NIV)

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiY6DD0Z7hw>

Have you ever made **bread**?

You need **water, flour** and **yeast** to make **bread**.
The **dough** is then worked with your hands – called "**kneading**".



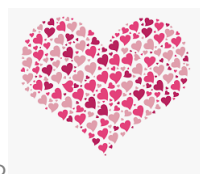
The yeast makes the dough rise – that is, it becomes bigger and bigger until the dough is ready to bake into a loaf of bread. You knead the dough to make sure the yeast is spread throughout the dough.

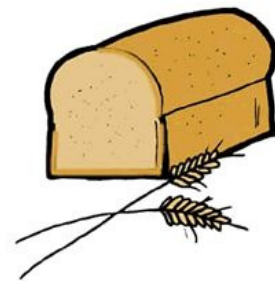


You only need to add **a small amount of yeast** to the flour (see the picture) for the dough to grow and grow. Without it, the bread will be small and flat.

Imagine **God's love is like the yeast**. If we let our hearts be soft like the dough, then God's love can be mixed and kneaded through our hearts. Then our hearts can grow, full of this love.

Jesus explains in The Parable of the Yeast that this is what happens when God's love is added to our lives. **We become so much more!**





This is so exciting for us, and something to celebrate! Listen to this lovely, happy song by Rend Co. Kids, called "Fun", all about having God in your heart. I especially like the line "You are the laughter inside and I want more!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9FbdS4ddjY>



Activity:

Perhaps you could make bread with a grown-up? Here's a link to a simple recipe:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/bread-four-easy-steps>



Remember to keep an eye on the dough as it rises – the magic of the yeast!

Prayer:

Dear Lord

Thank you for sharing Your Word through the parables of Jesus so that we can understand them. Please help my heart to be soft and to receive Your amazing love so that I can grow and grow as a Christian.

Amen





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