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Monday

There was a family of donkeys that lived on a farm between the towns of Cement and Cyril. There was a mom and a dad. The mom's name was Gertrude and the dad's name was Horace. There were three young donkeys named Mary, Scott and Sam. There was also Grandma and Grandpa, their names were Raymond and Doris. Finally, there was also an orphan donkey that lived with them, his name was Oliver.



Farmer Smith was planting flowers by the fence when he dropped his geranium seeds. The seeds spilled on the ground when the bag of seeds fell out of Farmer Smith's hand. Farmer Smith picked up the bag but left the seeds on the ground. Mary saw the whole thing happen. She took a bowl in her mouth and scooped up the seeds and took them back to the barn.

“Mom, I've got some flower seeds. Can we plant them?” said Mary.

“Sure we can,” said Gertrude as she walked out of the barn with Mary.

They carefully planted the seeds and watered them.

Mary went out every day checked to see if the seeds had sprouted and every day she came back disappointed.

“Mom, I don't understand. It's been six days since I planted

the geraniums and they still haven't sprouted," said Mary.

"It takes about two weeks for them to sprout Mary. It's worth the wait they'll be beautiful. Jesus compared the church to planting seeds. Jesus said, 'What can I use to show you what the kingdom of God is like? What story can I use to explain it? The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. The mustard seed is the smallest seed that you plant in the ground. But when you plant this seed, it grows and becomes the largest of all the plants in your garden. It has branches that are very big. The wild birds can come and make nests there and be protected from the sun.' (Mark 4:30-32) The church was small when it started, but it grew and spread to shelter all kinds of people from the world," said Gertrude.

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:32

Question: Were there always lots of people in the church? (No, it used to be small)

Tuesday

Scott walked into his mom and dad's stall and saw his dad praying.

"Dad, how did you learn about Jesus?," asked Scott.



"Your Grandpa shared the gospel with me," said Horace.

"How did Grandpa learn about Jesus?" asked Scott.

"It was a stranger at the veterinary clinic when he was going to the doctor. The gospel spreads by people just sharing it with the people around them. Jesus compared it to yeast. You put yeast into flour, water and sugar and the ingredients grow and when you bake it, it becomes bread. The church grows too. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman mixes into a big bowl of flour to make bread. The yeast makes all the dough (bread) rise'. (Matthew 13:33)," said Horace.

Song: Jesus Loves The Little Children

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:33

Question: How does the story of Jesus spread? (By people sharing it)

Thursday

Sam was behind the barn digging when he saw something shiny in the dirt. He dug a little more and there was a round piece of glass. It was beautiful. Sam just knew it was a treasure and he was so excited. He ran into the barn as fast as he could and showed his treasure to his grandpa.



“What is it Grandpa?” asked Sam.

“It’s a marble Sam,” said Grandpa.

“Is it worth a lot of money? It looks like a treasure,” said Sam.

“No it’s not a treasure but it’s pretty,” said Grandpa.

“I sure hoped it was treasure,” said Sam.

“You have a treasure Sam. The church and your relationship with Jesus is a treasure. Jesus said, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure. The man was very happy to find the treasure. He hid the treasure in the field again. The man went and sold everything that he owned to buy that field.’ (Matthew 13:44) You have a treasure Sam,” said Grandpa.

Song: The Lord’s Army

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44

Question: What did Jesus compare the Kingdom too? (A treasure)

Friday

Scott was walking through the barnyard when he found a gold chain. Scott brought it home and showed it to Mary. Mary loved it and asked if she could have it.



“No, it’s mine,” said Scott.

“I’ll trade you for it,” said Mary.

“I want everything in your stall,” said Scott.

“Everything?” asked Mary.

“Everything,” said Scott.

“Deal,” said Mary. Scott was surprised that Mary took the deal but went into her stall and started moving the stuff to his stall.

Later that day Gertrude looked into Mary’s room and was shocked to see that there was nothing in there.

“Where is all of your stuff?” asked Gertrude.

“I traded it to Sam for a gold chain,” said Mary.

“Wow, I hope you like your chain?” asked Gertrude.

“I do mom,” said Mary.

“This reminds me of Jesus. Jesus wanted us to know that the church is important. He said, ‘...the kingdom of heaven is like a salesman looking for fine pearls. One day the salesman found a

very fine pearl. The salesman went and sold everything he had to buy that pearl.' (Matthew 13:45) Always remember to value the church and your relationship with Jesus. It's more important than anything else," said Gertrude.

Song: The Wise Man

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:45

Question: What did Jesus compare the kingdom to in this story? (A pearl)

Saturday

One day Oliver came up to Horace looking upset.

“I’m worried about judgment day,” said Oliver.

“You just have to follow Jesus,” said Horace.



“What will Judgment be like?” asked Oliver.

“Jesus said it was kind of like a fisherman. He said, ‘Also, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was put into the lake. The net caught many different kinds of fish. The net became full, so the fishermen pulled the net to the shore. The fishermen sat down and put all the good fish in baskets. Then they threw away the bad fish. It will be the same at the end of this world. The angels will come and separate the evil people from the good people. The angels will throw the evil people into the place of fire...’ (Matthew 13:47-50) For the faithful, judgment day will be a wonderful day following Jesus just like any other day,” said Horace.

Song: Gospel Chariot

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:48

Question: What did Jesus compare judgment too? (Fishing)