

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 8, 5-15



The ARCHANGEL
MICHAEL and ALL
HEAVENLY POWERS.

A feast observed from the time of Constantine the Great. The Heavenly Powers are spirits sent to serve "those who inherit salvation" (Heb. 1:14). They are guardians and guides both to individual human beings and communities.



The choirs of angels are constantly participating in the heavenly liturgy, surrounding God's altar and singing the Thrice-holy hymn. The Church places particular emphasis on two of these heavenly powers, MICHAEL, a name which means "who is like God" and GABRIEL, a name which means "power of God," because both are mentioned in Holy Scripture.

TROPARION (Tone 4)

O LEADERS of the heavenly armies,
although we are always unworthy,
we beseech you
that with your prayers you may encircle us
with the protection of the wings
of your angelic glory.

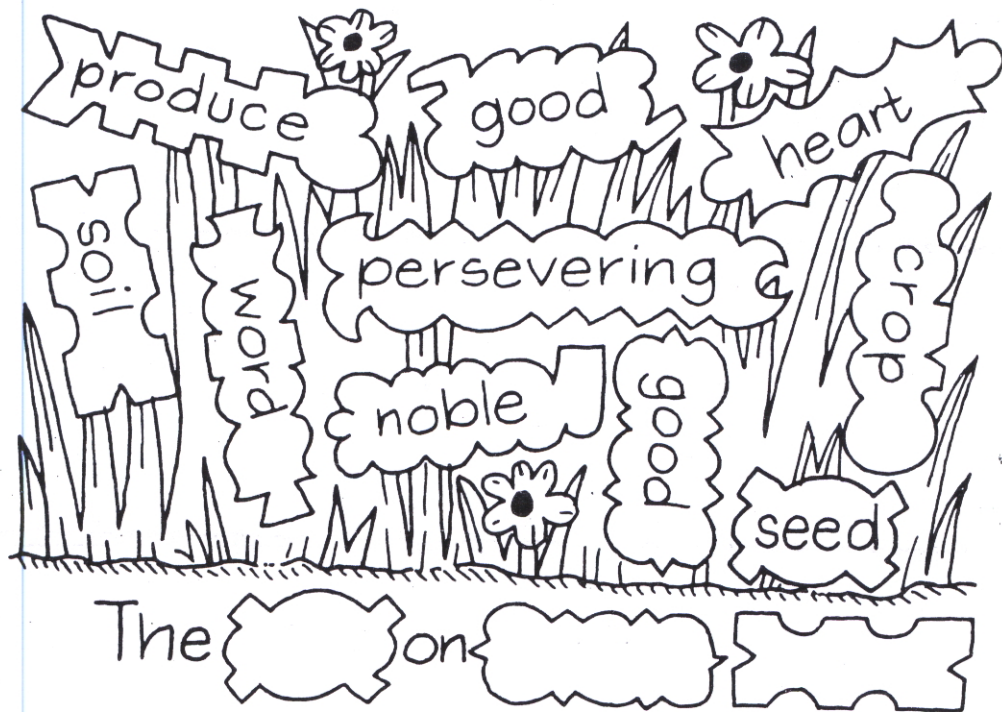
Watch over us as we bow low,
and earnestly cry out to you :
" Deliver us from trouble
O Princes of the heavenly armies! "

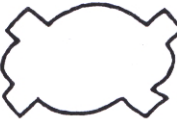







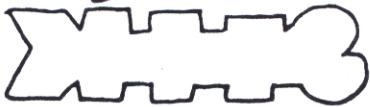

KONTAKION (Tone 2)

O Princes of the armies of God,
servants of the Divine Glory,
guardians of human creatures
and leaders of the heavenly hosts,
intercede for us
that we obtain what is good for us,
and seek abundant mercy for us,
for you are the princes of heavenly armies.

Good Soil

Read Luke 8:4-8, 11-15. Finish the verse by matching the shapes at the top of the page with the same shapes below.



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Luke 8:15

The Mustard Seed

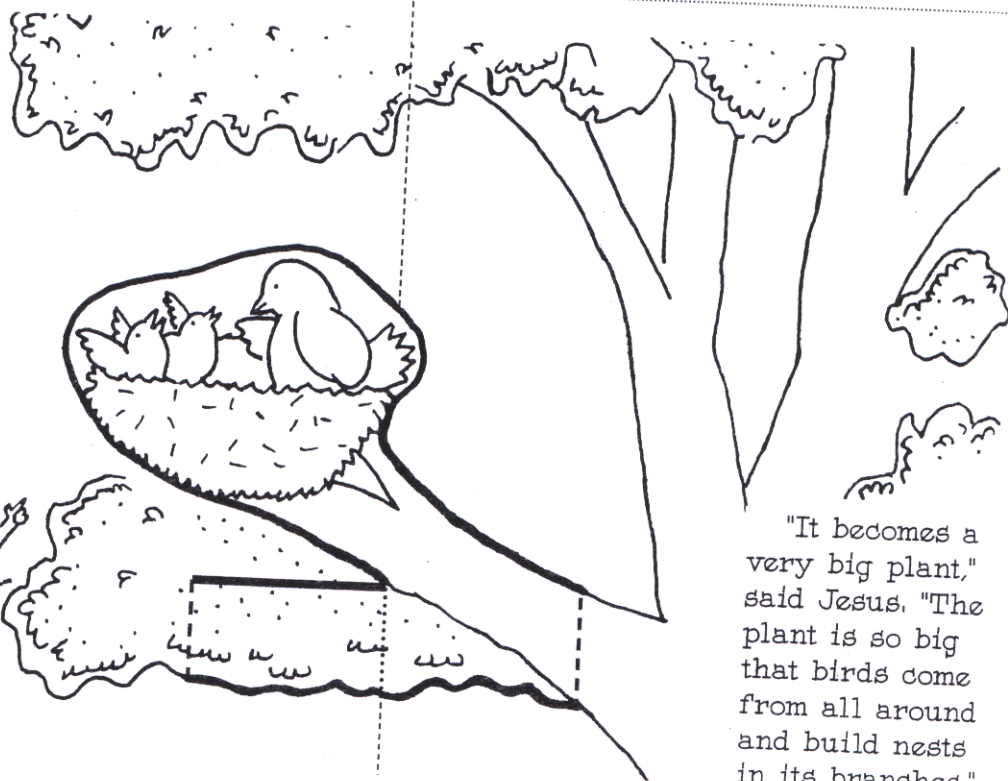
Matthew 13:31-32



Jesus told this story to teach an important lesson, "The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed that can grow into a big plant if someone takes good care of it."



Jesus used many stories like this as He was teaching so people could understand what He meant.



"It becomes a very big plant," said Jesus. "The plant is so big that birds come from all around and build nests in its branches."

