

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

October 6, 2019

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Has anyone ever seen a mustard seed? It's a teeny-tiny little seed that grows up to become a big strong bush. What is faith? (allow for answers) Faith is trusting in God and depending on God. Faith is like a muscle, if you exercise your faith every day, it will become stronger. We are sometimes very quick to say that we have faith in God. We say that we believe that God can do anything, but then we act as if everything depends on us and that we can do everything by ourselves.

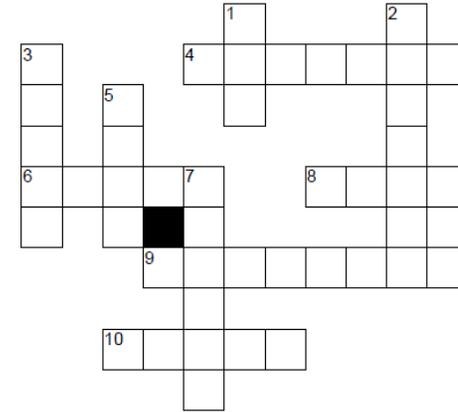
One day, Jesus was teaching his disciples about the importance of forgiving others. He told them that even if someone sins against you seven times a day, you must forgive them every time. The disciples thought that would be a very hard thing to do, so they said to Jesus, "Show us how to increase our faith." Jesus answered them, "If you had faith, even as small as a mustard seed, then you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Wow, that is amazing faith, isn't it? Do you know why that is possible? It is because God's power doesn't depend on our strength. It all depends on God! See, God is so big and mighty that there is nothing that God cannot do, we just need a teeny-tiny mustard seed size of faith!

Gracious God, your strength is enough for anything that we need. Help us to remember that all we need is to trust in you. Amen.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. A country whose ruler is a king or queen
- 6. To instruct someone on how to do something
- 8. Something bad; wicked
- 9. Holy, sacred, worthy of praise
- 10. A baked food made from flour

DOWN

- 1. To break God's laws
- 2. To remove the blame for doing wrong
- 3. The planet where we live
- 5. To speak to God with praise, confession, asking, or thanksgiving
- 7. The place where God is

KINGDOM	FORGIVE	EARTH	PRAY	BREAD
HALLOWED	EVIL	HEAVEN	SIN	TEACH

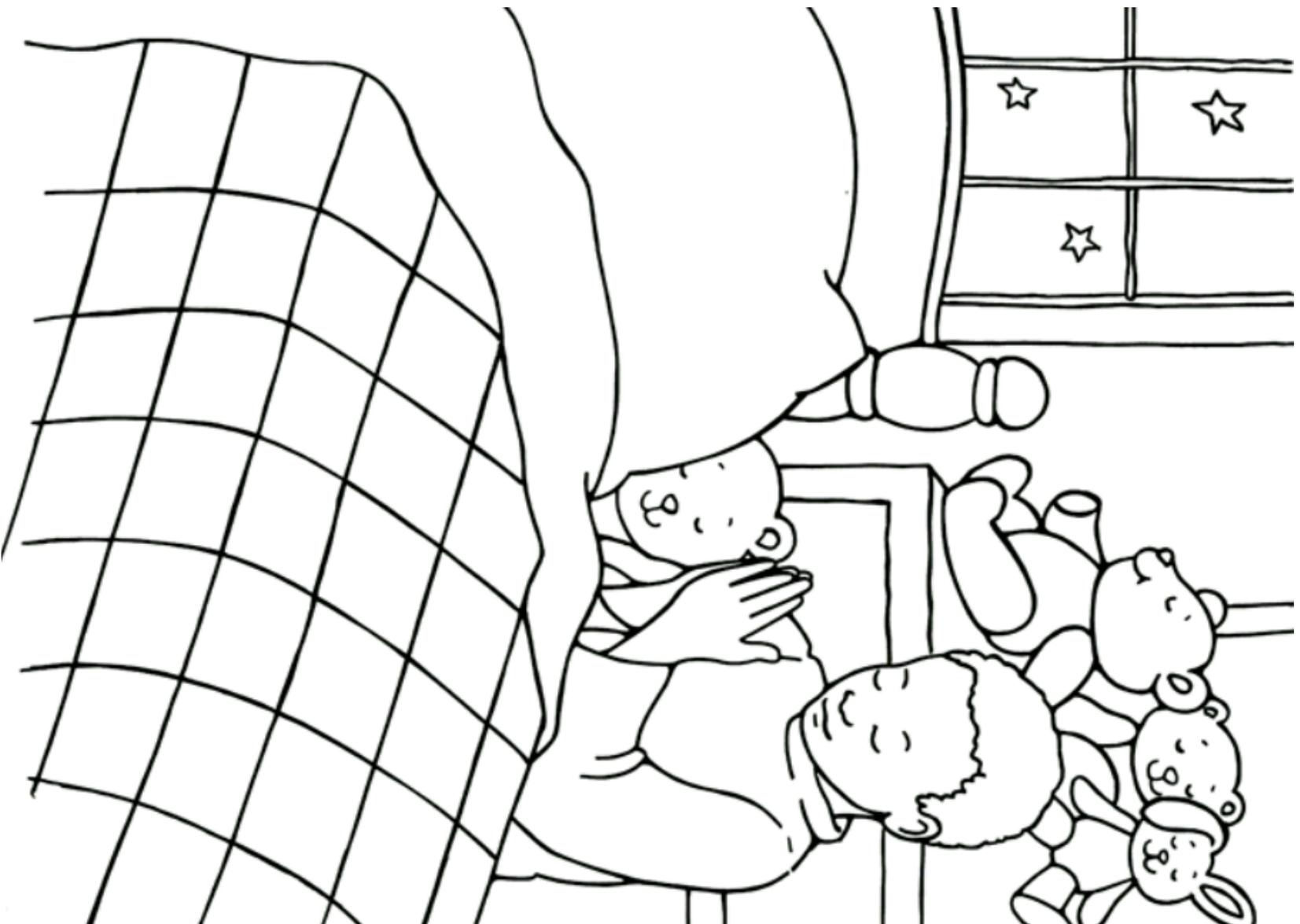
Activity: With the help of an adult, Google "mustard seed". Notice how very small that mustard seed is and what it turns into. Do some research on other things that start small and grow into something strong and big. (how about an oak tree?!) It might be fun to find an acorn and keep it to remind you of your faith.

Discussion Question: What does faith look like in your everyday life?

Family Table Prayer for October: For football, pumpkins, and cooler weather
For hay rides and leaves that fall
Lord, we thank you for this family table, and for food that feeds us all. Amen.

October Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

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God Hears my Prayers