

All Saints Chilvers Coton Nuneaton.

The wheat and the weeds

INTRODUCTION

Today Jesus tells us another parable and warns us about what will happen at the end of time to those people who do not listen to him.

GOSPEL (cf Matthew 13:24)

Jesus told the people another parable:

'One day a farmer sowed his field with wheat, but that night as he slept, his enemy crept into the field and scattered weed seeds amongst the wheat.

'Days passed and as the wheat sprouted and grew, so did the weeds, and the farmer realised what his enemy had done. One of the farm workers asked him, 'Master, do you want us to pull up the weeds?' But the farmer answered, 'No, let them grow together until harvest time, because if you pull up the weeds now you might pull up the wheat too! When the harvest comes, the harvesters can separate the wheat from the weeds. Then I can store the wheat in my barn, and burn the weeds.'

When the disciples asked Jesus to explain the story he said: 'I am the man who sowed the wheat, and the devil is my enemy who scattered the weeds. The wheat seeds are the people who hear my word and follow me, and the weeds are the wicked people who will not listen to me. The end of the world will be like harvest time, when good and bad people will be separated by angels sent by God. The good people will share God's glory and happiness in heaven, but the wicked people will be punished and will never see God.'

This weeks story is told in a video cartoon click the picture or the link below <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ti9BtBrqc8>



ACTIVITY

Colour the bundles of wheat and weeds. Untangle the maze to show what happens to them. The barns are labelled 'The Kingdom of God'. Picture is on page 2

PRAYER

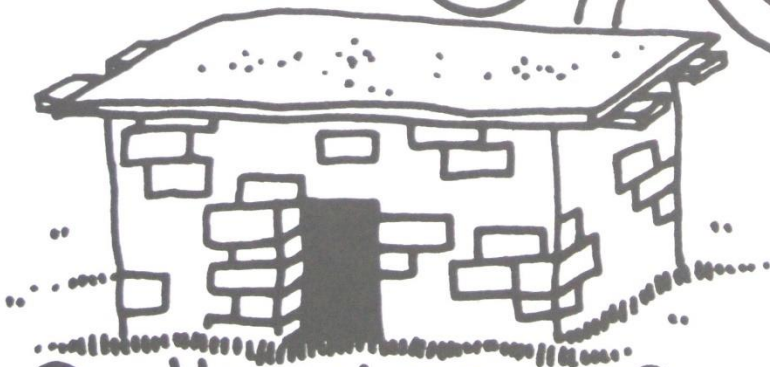
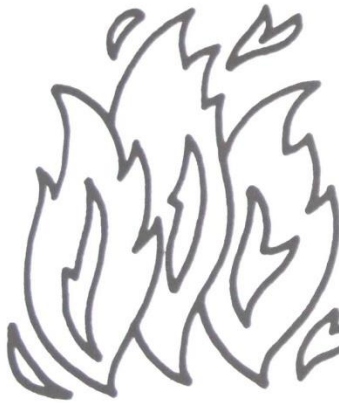
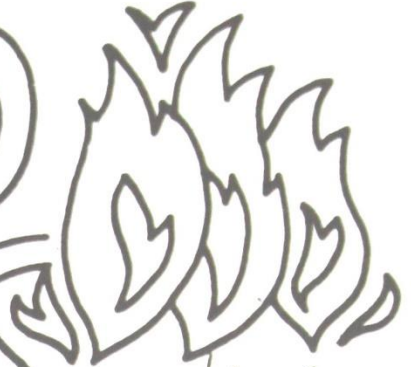
Jesus, show us the way to eternal life. Walk beside us on our journey, until your angels lead us to share your everlasting happiness at the end of time.

Keep safe and we hope services will restart in the church in August. At the moment the Church is open between 9:30 – 10:30 each Sunday for private prayer. We are working hard to start services in August but one of the problems is the limited number the regulations let us have in the building. We are looking at an invitation system which will ask for a reply. It would tend to be a first come system for the places available. We look forward to a time when the infection rate lets us reduce the social distance so we can get more people into the building safely.

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