



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13: 1-9 (full reading: Matthew 13:1-29)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

Some things to think about...

- Why do you think Jesus tells parables (stories with a lesson)?
- Which seeds grew the best? What do plants need to grow?
- Think about your school - what makes a good day at school? e.g. friends, interesting lessons etc.
- How can you as Mini Vinnies make your community a better place to grow?

Activities

- On the roots of your tree poster, write the ways you will help your community to thrive and grow e.g. friendship bench, calm boxes.
- On the leaves of the tree, write the effects these ideas will have e.g. everyone feels included, safe etc.

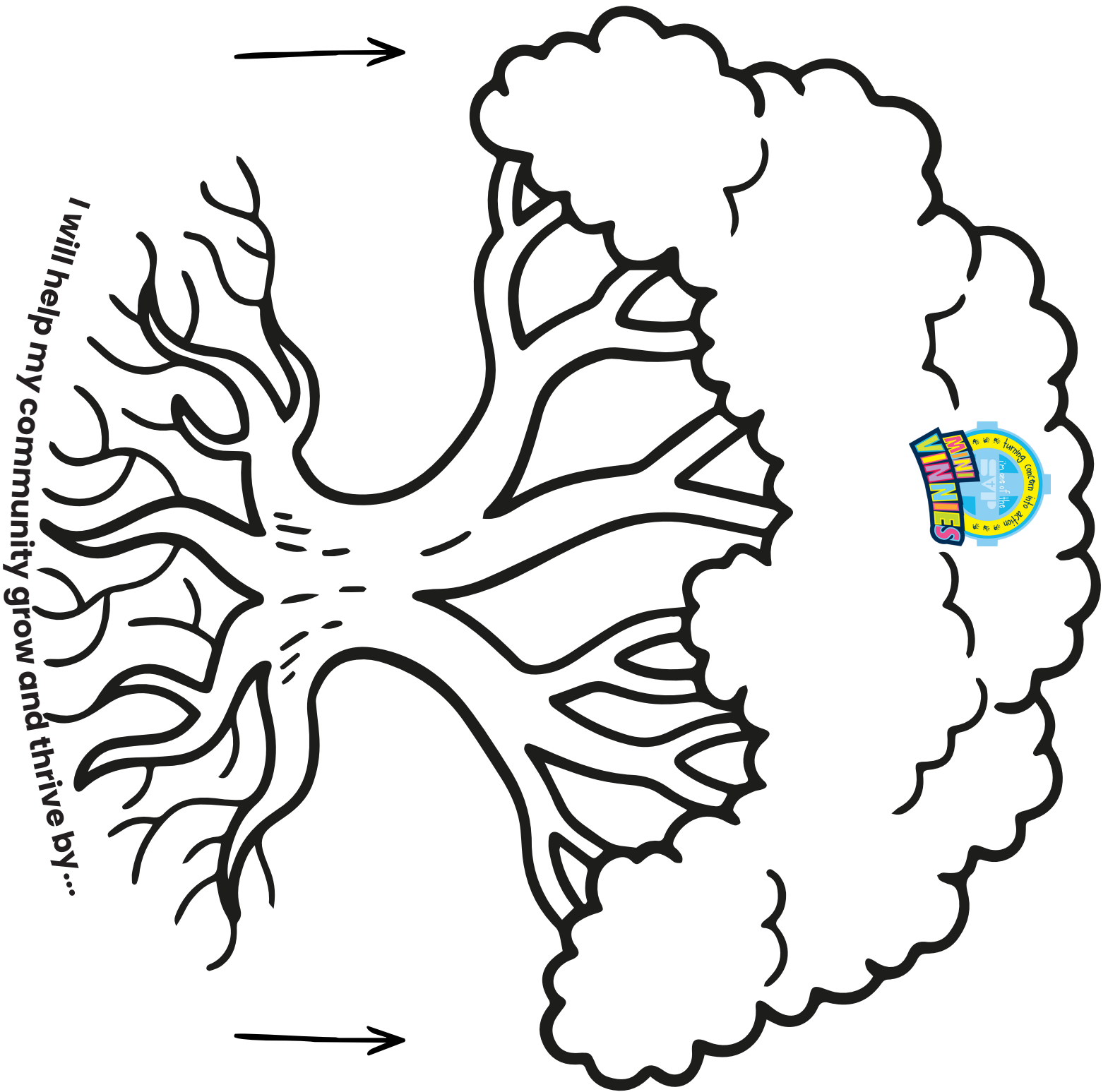
Materials needed

- Tree poster
- Pens/pencils

Teacher's Notes

Jesus taught in parables because it made his teachings accessible to those who heard them. Ask the children if they remember any other parables e.g. The Good Samaritan, the Mustard Seed etc. This parable is showing how people respond to God's Word. The seed that produces the best crop represents the people who hear God's Word and share it with others, meaning that the Kingdom of God grows; a Kingdom where God's love is. The SVP puts faith into action (sows the seeds) by helping those in need, just as Jesus teaches.

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I will help my community grow and thrive by...

