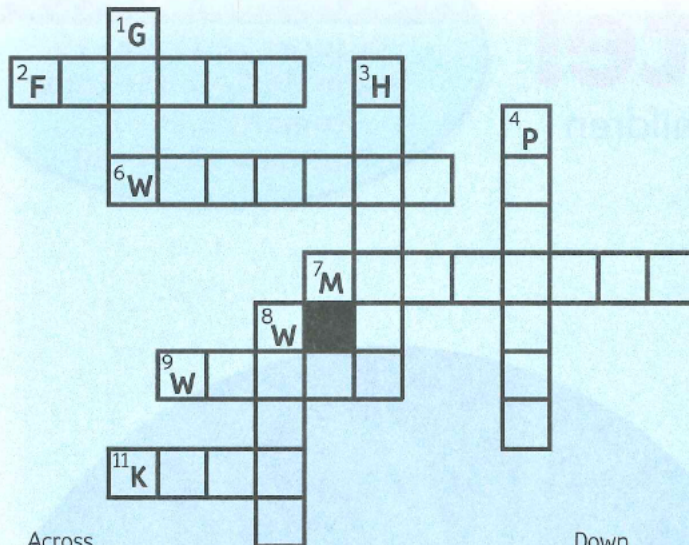


Activity

Jesus told a story about a farmer. It helps us know about God's love. How much of the story do you remember? Bits and pieces are in the puzzle below. Need some help? Read Matthew 13:24–30.



Across

2. A ____ sowed good seeds in his field.
6. The ____ wondered if they should pull the weeds.
7. God is _____. God forgives us of our mistakes.
9. The good seeds were ____ seeds.
11. To do God's will, we must be ____ to everyone.

Down

1. We are like seeds. We ____ in God's love.
3. The farmer let the wheat and weeds grow together until ____ time.
4. God is _____. God gives us time to grow.
8. Someone sowed ____ among the wheat.



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Family Corner

Faith Focus

In today's Gospel story, the wise farmer knew that mistakes could be made if the wheat and the weeds were sorted too soon. Instead of risking a mistake, he let them grow together until harvest. Few of us tolerate "weeds" as well as God does. We don't see the "big picture" like God does. God is merciful. Whether we look like wheat or weeds, God gives us time to grow and become whole.

Family Activity

Help your family see the "big picture." Find a 100-piece jigsaw puzzle, preferably one that depicts a harvest scene. Working together, shake the box and pour out the pieces. Put the upside-down pieces back into the box. Now, try to create the picture with only the ones that are left.

Discuss:

- What happens to the picture if the upside-down pieces are taken away too early?
- How will you complete the picture?