

Here are some parables that Jesus told the crowd:

The parable of the mustard seed

'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, sown in a field. It is the smallest of seeds but grows up into a huge bush, and the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.'

The parable of the leavened bread

'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman mixes with three lots of flour, until it is all leavened and ready to rise.' *

The parable of the hidden treasure

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. Someone finds it, hides it again, and then is so very, very happy, he goes and sells everything he has to buy the field.'

The parable of the fine pearl

'The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant who is looking for fine pearls. He finds one very special and valuable pearl, and goes and sells everything he has to buy it.' *

The parable of the good and bad fish

'The kingdom of heaven is like a net. The net is full of fish, of all shapes and sizes. It is pulled ashore. The good fish are put in baskets while the bad fish are thrown away. And it will be like this at the end of time when the angels will separate the good people from the bad.' *

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

