



## Build-a-Bible

### Bible skills & the Second Testament

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Jesus tells us stories to help us understand the Good News

1. We learned in the video that in the Gospels there are stories of Jesus doing miracles, loving people, and telling them stories. Tell a story of something that happened to you or someone you know today.
2. Who were the Gospel writers in the video? (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
3. Read in a story Bible such as the *Spark Story Bible* or from a Bible of your choosing in one of the Gospels in Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:30-32; Luke 17:5-10. Readers can practice finding the scripture in their Bibles.
4. The Parable of the Mustard Seed is a very short story. A parable is a type of story Jesus used to make a spiritual point. Jesus told many parables. Can you name some? (The lost sheep, the good Samaritan, the prodigal son)
5. Ask: How large is a mustard seed compared to a mountain? What things can you think of that start very small and grow into something much larger? (Babies, trees, churches, countries). Jesus used this parable to describe the family of God. How would you describe God's family? How can you help God's family grow?
6. Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the stories of Jesus that help us to grow. Help us to show your love and to tell others your Good News so that your family continues to grow. Amen.