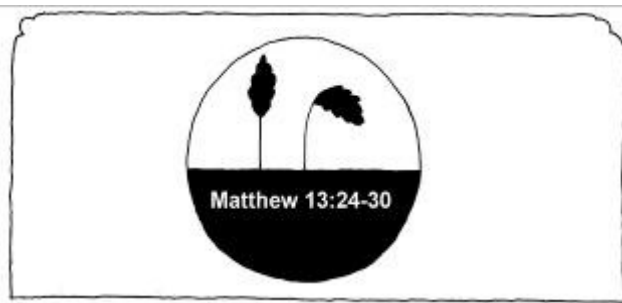


# Parable of the TARES & WHEAT

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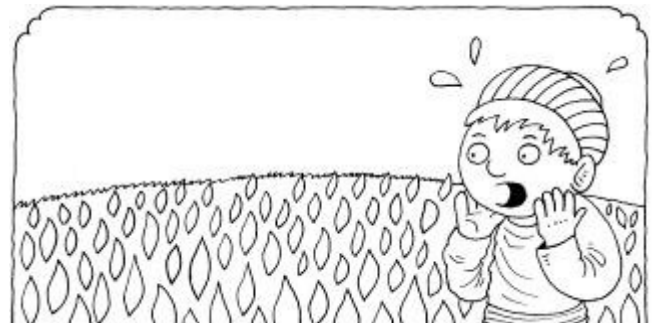
Parables are stories with a meaning that teach us an important lesson. Tares are poisonous weeds. Jesus told this story.



This Parable explains why God lets both good and evil exist in the world at the moment. Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed in his field."



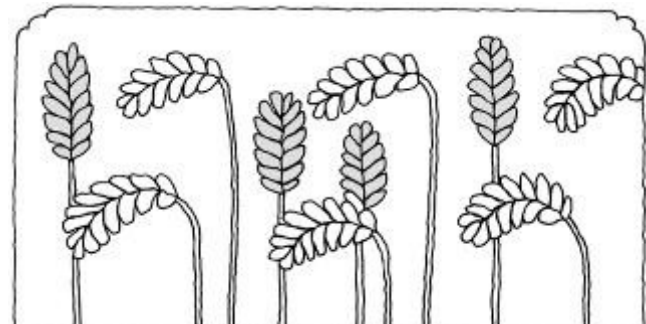
While the farmer slept and before his seeds even had a chance to grow, an enemy scattered Tare seeds, which were poisonous weeds, all over the farmer's newly sown fields.



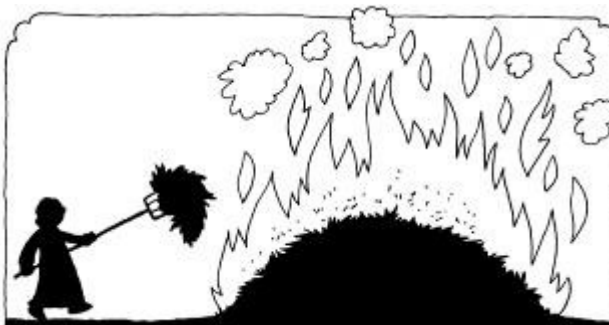
When the new shoots appeared the farm workers saw that many of the new plants were poisonous weeds and wanted to pull them out. They went and asked the farmer what to do.



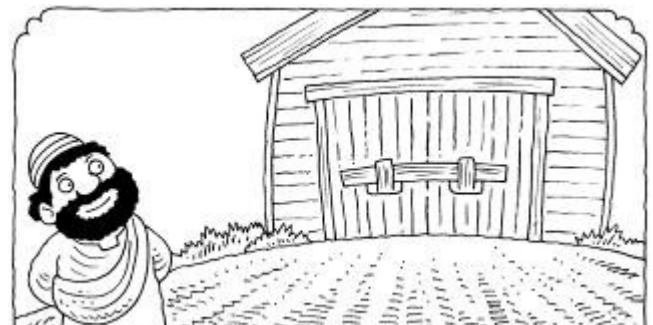
"Let them all grow together," said the wise farmer. "Pulling out the weeds will damage the young wheat plants. We will wait and sort them out at harvest time."



When the useless weeds and the good wheat were fully grown and the wheat was ready to harvest it was easy to tell the weeds from the wheat.



"Before we harvest the wheat, pull out the poisonous weeds and burn them and then we can save the good wheat," said the farmer, "and store it safely in my barn."



In this story the farmer is God. He allows good and evil in this world until the time is right to destroy all evil and save what is good. Choose to do what is good and right.