

Kingdom Parables Video News Broadcast:

Newscaster: **SHIRLEY**

Reporters: **IMA, SUMTING, HY, HARRY**

Cast: **JESUS, PEARL**, Lady, Diggum family, **GOD**

Props/Classroom setup:

A news table set along one wall.

Some piece of fabric/costumes.

A playground ball (to be the **PEARL**)

Some baking flour.

Microphone for interviewing.

This script projected large on a wall so that it can be READ by the actors who are being videotaped.

SHIRLEY:

Good Morning and Welcome to the Peace Presbyterian Bible News.

I'm **SHIRLEY** Speakwell. Our Top Story Today a small seed has grown into a monster bush.

For more about what it all means, we go to **IMA** Reporter outstanding in a field.

IMA:

This is **IMA** Reporter and I'm standing here with **JESUS** of Nazareth, son of Joseph the Carpenter, whom some say is the new King of Kings, the Messiah. **JESUS**, is this true, are you the King?

JESUS:

Well, yes, that's what people are calling me.

IMA:

So then you are a king. Can you prove it? I mean, ...where is your throne? your army? your Kingdom?

JESUS:

Well that's a little hard to explain. I'm not that kind of King.

IMA:

Then what kind of King are you?

JESUS:

I want to be the King of people's hearts. I want to rule their actions.

IMA:

So you want to boss people around, is that what you're saying?

JESUS:

No, not at all. I want people to believe in me, and let MY spirit grow within them.... like a seed.

IMA:

Like a mustard seed? Kind of a strange little seed, don't you think?

JESUS:

Yeah, like a mustard seed because it starts out really really small. And when your faith grows into a big bush, then it can do great things for other people in my name, like a bush provides nests for birds.

IMA:

Interesting, and a bit confusing. Now back to you **SHIRLEY** in the studio.

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SHIRLEY:

Thank you for that report, **IMA**.

And now we have Breaking News:

a **PEARL** merchant has just found a large **PEARL** and has sold everything to buy it.

For more on this story, we go to **SUMTING** Smully at the market.

SUMTING:

I'm standing here with wealthy **PEARL** Merchant, **PEARL** Biggs who I understand has just sold all his other **PEARLS** to buy **ONE PEARL**. What's up with that?

PEARL:

Yes, it's true. I've been looking my whole life for the perfect **PEARL**, and finally found it.

SUMTING:

And you gave everything you had to buy it? **WHY?**

PEARL:

Well the **PEARL** isn't really a **PEARL**. It's actually the Kingdom of **GOD**. I've been looking for it all my life and finally found it.

SUMTING:

The **PEARL** is **GOD**'s Kingdom? What's up with that? **WHY** not a castle ...that would look more like a kingdom.

PEARL:

The kingdom of **GOD** isn't a PLACE. **GOD**'s Kingdom is wherever good stuff happening... love, peace, helping others, being faithful. When you discover that you can have THAT stuff, none of these other riches matter.

SUMTING:

I think I'd rather own a lot of **PEARLS** and diamonds and gold.

PEARL:

I thought that too, but **SEEKING** after those things won't bring you real happiness.

SUMTING:

Now you're talking cuckoo. Who's crazy idea is that?

PEARL:

JESUS. He said, "seek first the Kingdom of **GOD**." Look for and practice love, peace, helping others and be faithful. Make those things your first priority, not money or wealth.

SUMTING:

Sounds like a crazy man to me. Well this is **SUMTING Smully** reporting live with **PEARL** Biggs, back to **SHIRLEY** Speakwell in the studio.

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SHIRLEY:

Bizarre indeed. Thank you **SUMTING Smully** for that report.

We take you now to an emergency situation at Peace Presbyterian Church where an enormous loaf of bread has exploded in the church kitchen.

HARRY:

I'm **HARRY** Baker, and a tragedy is unfolding here in the kitchen of Peace Presbyterian church. A group of Sunday School kids was putting some leaven in a loaf of bread, when it suddenly and uncontrollably EXPANDED 40 times its normal size and exploded. Police tell me that the kids were demonstrating how the Kingdom of **GOD** can seem almost invisible, like tiny yeast cells, but make BIG THINGS happen due to the action of the Holy Spirit.

Maam, maam, excuse me, but we're live on the air, can you tell me what happened?

LADY:

The Holy Spirit is AWESOME, that's what happened!

HARRY:

Awesome, this looks like a disaster, maam.

LADY:

Disaster? Well if by "disaster" you mean a "Sunday School lesson about **GOD**'s amazing power to make his Kingdom grow, then yeah, this is a HUGE disaster." Good bread too.

HARRY:

Well there you have it.... we'll have more on this Sunday School "Dough-saster" as we learn more.

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SHIRLEY:

Thank you **HARRY** Baker for that report. This just in... **JESUS** often teaches things using strange examples.

We now take you to CHOPPER 5 where our reporter **HY** Inaycloud is hovering over a large field. **HY?**

HY:

This is **HY** Inaycloud reporting from Chopper 5. We have just arrived to the scene where mass **HY**steria has broken out. Ewell Diggums and his entire family are out digging up their backyard at the enormous

mansion they recently purchased. Oh, oh....it looks like one of the Diggums has found another treasure. Can you get us in closer?

Yes...yes, I can see it clearly now. It says, "Kingdom of **GOD**" on it.

The family seems really happy, but honestly, I think whoever sold them this field with the promise of treasure it has ripped them off.

This is HY Inaycloud reporting from Chopper 5. Back to you **SHIRLEY** Speakwell in the studio.

SHIRLEY:

To help us explain what's going on over the at Diggums' house, I've invited our treasure expert, **GOD** Almighty.

GOD:

Good morning **SHIRLEY**.

SHIRLEY

Good morning. So Mr. Almighty, tell me **wHY** was the Diggums family digging up their yard for something called the Kingdom of **GOD**?

GOD:

It's a parable, **SHIRLEY**. A special story that has a special meaning, IF you know how to figure it out!

SHIRLEY

Tell me more.

GOD:

The things of my kingdom are like a buried treasure. When you find them, you will do everything to get them.

SHIRLEY:

So you're giving away jewels and money and fame? When did that start happening, and where do I go to stand in line? hahaha

GOD:

There's no line, **SHIRLEY**. My "give aways" are everywhere if you know where to look.

Things like real peace, and forgiving love, being good, making the world a better place.

SHIRLEY:

If they are so important, **GOD**, then why did you bury all those things underground?

GOD:

The point of the parable is that the things of MY kingdom are like a treasure. And once you find them, they are worth everything to you.

SHIRLEY:

That sounds like a lot of work.

GOD:

SHIRLEY it can be. But when you find the things of the kingdom, when you "open my treasure chest" so to speak, , -they change your life. They can change your world.

SHIRLEY:

Well there you have it, straight from **GOD**'s mouth to your ears. That's all the time we have this morning. I'd like to thank **GOD**, our ace reporters **IMA**, **SUMTING**, and Barry, -and you our viewers for watching.

For more on these stories, visit our webpage: "www DOT read-your-Bible DOT duh"

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