



RHYTHM

OF LIFE

for primary schools

**In this season of
Harvest, we choose to
gather and share in
Jesus' name. Amen**

What plant is this? Do you know?





These are mustard seeds.

Have you ever had mustard?

Do you like it?! It can be very hot!



In 1851, Jeremiah James Colman inherited the small family business making and selling mustard.

Jeremiah was a Christian and believed it was important to look after everyone who worked for him. He provided the workers' children with schools and clothes and gave the workers a pension when they retired. This was unusual in Victorian times!

Why do you think he did these things for the people who worked for him?

Parables are the special stories Jesus told.

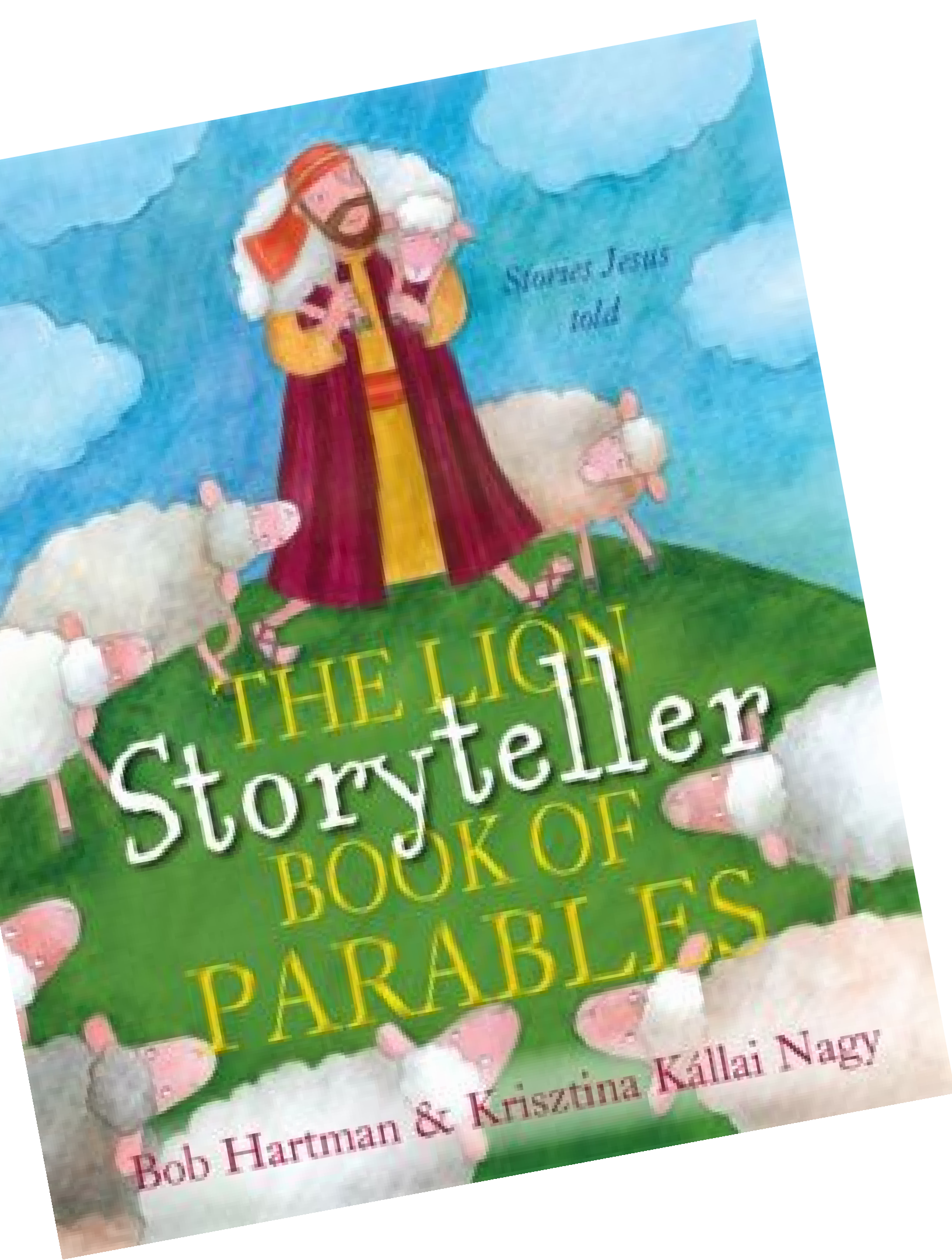
He even told a parable using mustard seeds!

He wanted the people listening to understand what God's Kingdom is like.

God's Kingdom is not a physical place - it is not like the United Kingdom!

God's Kingdom is where God's people live under God's rule and reign.





Read the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

The Parable tell us that God's Kingdom is like a mustard seed.

How is God's Kingdom like a mustard seed?



God's Kingdom is a place where everyone can grow and flourish - just like the mustard tree that grew from the tiny seed.

Even a tiny thing that you do or say can bring flourishing to others.

In this season of Harvest, we are committed to **gathering** and **sharing** with one another.

When we **gather**, we bring together and take in.

Harvest time is a season of gathering - bringing together and taking in the crops that have grown.

When we meet for collective worship, we gather - we bring together our school community and everyone is welcome.

When we gather together, we **share** with one another. We share our space, our thoughts and ideas and our gifts.

When we gather, we are being a mustard tree! A Kingdom for everyone to flourish!

Let's think

What will you bring to our **gathering** today?

What will you **share** with others that will enable them to grow and flourish?

Let's pray

Lord Jesus

We pray that our school will be a place where everyone can grow and flourish. Help us to grow in faith. Please take the gifts we offer and use them to grow Your Kingdom. **Amen**

Let's pray The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Let's Sing!

Faith as small as a mustard seed





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