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Kingdom Life Lesson 21:

The Wheat and the Weeds

Today's Story:

Our story today is about **faith** and trusting in God's judgement. It is about why God allows people to do bad things in the world, and how we can trust God and have faith that he will make all things right in the end.

This is a story that Jesus told about a man who sowed **wheat** seeds in his field. Wheat is a good grain that can be used to make bread. But an enemy sowed a poisonous **weed** called tares in the same field. The wheat and the tares grew together and could not be safely separated until harvest time.

Jesus told this story as a picture of how he will one day judge evil in the world. The field represents the world and people. The owner of the field is Jesus. He is sowing the good seeds of God's Kingdom in the world. The good wheat that grows up are those who follow and obey Jesus. The enemy who sowed the tares is Satan. He is still sowing his seeds of evil in the world. Those who believe his lies and obey him do evil.

But why doesn't God get rid of all evil **now**? God is waiting because he wants as many people as possible to repent, to turn away from their sin and be saved. God is perfectly loving and wise, and we can trust that he knows best.

One day Jesus will come back to the earth to judge all the people who ever lived. That is the harvest time in today's story. At that time, God will **judge evil** once and for all and will **restore his perfect creation**. Then there will be no more sin and evil, but only love and life. While we wait for that time, Jesus is calling us to not take revenge, but to **love and pray for our enemies!**

Jesus loved his enemies so much that he died to rescue them (that's us!) from sin. Jesus wants us to love our enemies too, and trust that one day he will judge all evil. On that glorious day all that was wrong will be made right.

Bible Memory Verse: *"Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you... And pray for those who treat you badly."*

Luke 6: 27-28 NIRV

My Art Response:

