Grades 3–5 · Hard

Wheat and Tares Worksheet

Hard: look up the answers in your Bible · Matthew 13:24–30

Name: _____ Date: _____

Look it up in your Bible

Read the verse, then write the answer on the line.

1. What did the man sow in his field? *Read Matthew 13:24.* _____
2. When did the enemy come? *Read Matthew 13:25.* _____
3. When did the tares appear? *Read Matthew 13:26.* _____
4. What did the servants ask the man? *Read Matthew 13:27.* _____
5. Who did the man say had done this? *Read Matthew 13:28.* _____
6. Why not gather up the tares right away? *Read Matthew 13:29.* _____
7. How long would both grow together? *Read Matthew 13:30.* _____
8. What did Jesus say the field is? *Read Matthew 13:38.* _____

Memory verse

Write Matthew 13:30 from memory. The first letter of each word is given.

Let b g t u t h : a i t t
o h l w s t t r , G y t
f t t , a b t i b t b t :
b g t w i m b . *Matthew 13:30 (KJV)*

Think about it

The man kept his wheat safe (Matthew 13:30). How can you grow for God?

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Answer key

Look it up in your Bible

1. **Good seed.** *(Matthew 13:24)*
2. **While men slept**; he sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. *(Matthew 13:25)*
3. **When the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit.** *(Matthew 13:26)*
4. **"Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field?"** *(Matthew 13:27)*
5. **"An enemy hath done this."** *(Matthew 13:28)*
6. So they would not **root up also the wheat with them**. *(Matthew 13:29)*
7. **Until the harvest.** *(Matthew 13:30)*
8. **"The field is the world."** *(Matthew 13:38)*

Memory verse

"Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." *Matthew 13:30 (KJV)*

Think about it

Answers will vary (pray, read and obey God's word, be kind, go to church). Help kids see that the man cared for his wheat and waited so none of it would be rooted up (Matthew 13:29–30), and that the good seed are "the children of the kingdom" (Matthew 13:38). Encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about obeying the gospel (Acts 2:38).

For the teacher

Time: about 20 minutes · **Ages:** grades 3–5

- **Bibles:** each child (or each pair) needs a King James Bible open to Matthew 13.
- **Old Bible words explained:** likened = compared, tares = weeds that look like wheat, blade = the green stalk, householder = the owner of the house and field, whence = where from, nay = no, lest = so that … not, reapers = harvest workers, bind = tie.
- **Talk about it:** The man said, "Let both grow together until the harvest" (Matthew 13:30), and then he gathered his wheat into his barn. Ask kids to share their "think about it" answers.
- **Teach the story first:** use the free Wheat and the Tares Sunday school lesson at vbshq.com/lessons/wheat-and-the-tares-lesson.

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