

How To Build A Mustard Tree:

1. Build your Mustard Tree using the cut-outs provided. Cut out the trunk, branches, and verse, then glue the pieces to a poster board and display it in your home.



TIP! You can also draw your own tree on a poster board or piece of butcher paper, or purchase a plastic tree on which you can hang your leaves.

2. Using the Mustard Leaf Template found on page 24, cut out leaves from colored construction paper or plain white paper.
3. Cut out the provided Fill-in-the-Blank leaves, if you want to use them.
4. Cut out the Family Activity Leaves, if you want to use them.



TIP! Keep the blank leaves in a small basket or bowl near your Mustard Tree, so that it is easy to use them whenever you want!

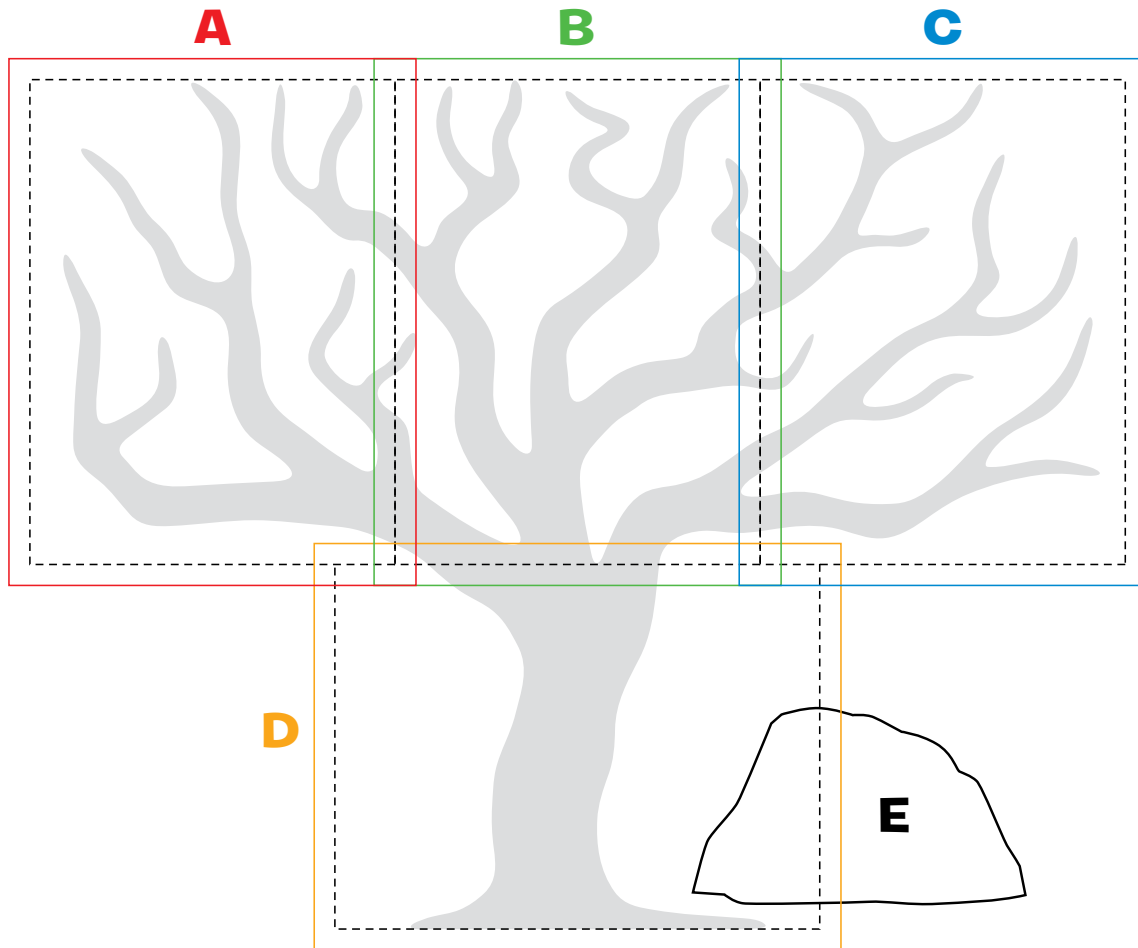
Adding Leaves to Your Tree:

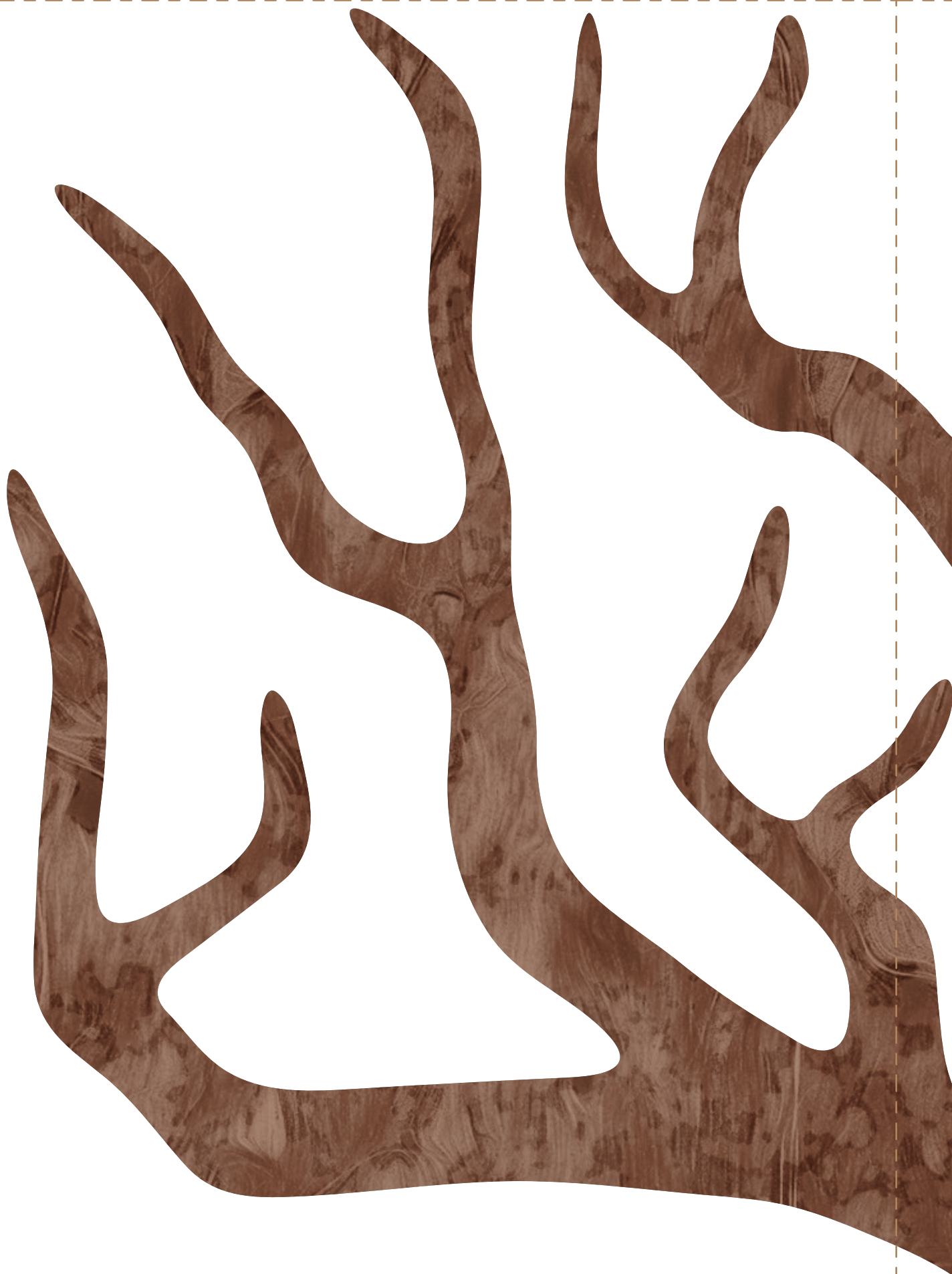
Your tree is a reflection of your family--what you love to do, what you are learning about God, and how He is working in your life! Here are some ideas for building your tree:

- Use the provided Family Activity Leaves to inspire fun things to do as a family at night or on the weekend. You'll find 3 categories of leaves — Acts of Service, Family Activities, and Love Your Neighbors. These are all ways you can see and be a part of the Kingdom of God in your life!
- Write prayer requests on leaves and post them to your tree
- Choose one color to represent each member of the family - and then every leaf they add to the tree can be that color or made out of that color paper
- Write one thing you are thankful for each day on a leaf
- Create your own ideas using the fill-in-the-blank and blank leaves.

MUSTARD TREE BRANCHES

Leave room for leaves on top by keeping the base of the tree toward the bottom.













He told them another parable:

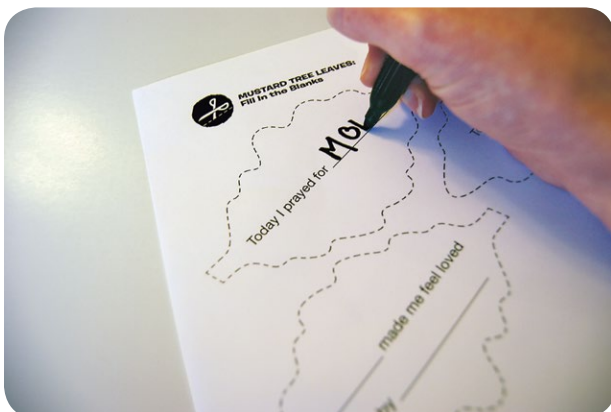
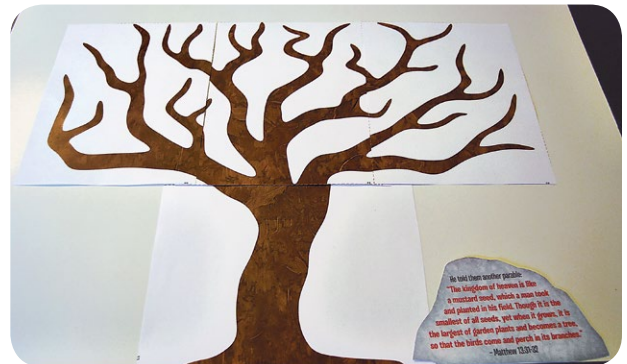
**“The kingdom of heaven is like
a mustard seed, which a man took
and planted in his field. Though it is the
smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is
the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree,
so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”**

– Matthew 13:31-32

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MUSTARD TREE CONSTRUCTION

Here are some helpful pictures to show you how you could build your mustard tree:





**MUSTARD TREE LEAVES:
Fill In the Blanks**

Today I prayed for _____

Today I thanked God for _____

_____ made me feel loved
today by _____

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Today I thanked God for _____

_____ made me feel loved
today by _____



**MUSTARD TREE LEAVES:
Acts of Service**

Pay for the meal or drink of the
person behind you in the drive-thru

Write a letter to your pastor or
Sunday School teacher thanking
him or her

Give away water bottles at the park

Visit an elderly friend or neighbor

Volunteer at a local food bank

Donate money to someone in need



MUSTARD TREE LEAVES: Family Activities

Read a book together

Memorize a Bible verse together

Make a meal together as a family

At mealtime, everyone share
something you are thankful for

Pray for a missionary before you eat

Go on a family walk or bike ride



**MUSTARD TREE LEAVES:
Family Activities (continued)**

Create a family scavenger hunt

Take silly family pictures and make
a collage or make a silly video

Watch a video together like
What's in the Bible?

Play board games together as a family

Wardrobe Mixup! Each person
picks out others' outfits and then
have a fun family outing

Go on a drive to look at God's creation



MUSTARD TREE LEAVES: Family Activities (continued)

Create a book of coupons for mom
and dad for chores, hugs, etc.

God's Great Rescue Plan Timeline
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Popsicle Stick Theater Miracles
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I Will Call Upon the Lord!
Encouragement Cards
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★ Find these activities in Section 7 (Page 105)



MUSTARD TREE LEAVES:
Love Your Neighbors

Bake cookies to take to
your neighbors

Leave a thank you note
and small gift in the mailbox
for your mail carrier

Help your neighbor with yard
work or snow removal

Have a play date with friends so
their parents can run errands, etc

Go on a neighborhood prayer
walk and pray for each house and
family you walk by

Deliver a note to your neighbor's
mailbox with an encouraging verse



MUSTARD TREE LEAVES:
Love Your Neighbors (continued)

Offer to check your neighbor's mail
and deliver it to their door

Ask members of your
Sunday School class or playgroup
to bring socks to donate to a
homeless shelter



LEAF TEMPLATE

Use these leaves as a template to make your own! You can trace them onto construction paper or white paper and make as many as you need. Or visit whatsinthebible.com/myjesusjournal to print multiple copies of this page.

