

New Thing

Parable of the Mustard Seed

This parable often gets overshadowed by other parables, but it's got such a great simple theme. When Jesus first started talking about the Kingdom of God to just a few people that were there to listen it was such a strange concept. Yet it's still the most important 'product' for us all to 'buy' today.

Set / Props

You will need a trestle (or suitable) table, covered with little gadgets and games, eg slinky, yoyo, can opener, puzzles, Tamagotchi, etc. Use whatever you can find, especially anything crazy. Dr Delling needs a large notepad with some writing on it, to be hidden under the table until he brings it out. Zac the supplier will also need a small box containing a few pencils, which he brings on stage towards the end.

Cast

Alice

Dr Delling

Ben

Cathy

Zac

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

Matthew 13:31-32

Dr Delling has a stall on stage, littered with new and trendy games and gadgets.

Enter Alice

Alice *(About to scuttle past in a hurry, but a small doll catches her eye).* Hey, that's cute.

Dr Delling Yes it is.

Alice How much?

Dr Delling To you... fifty cents.

Alice Hmm, too dear.

Dr Delling But it walks and talks and sings.

Alice Sure, but I'm not really into gimmicks like that. I want useful stuff.

Dr Delling Ah, I couldn't agree more. If it's useful you want then I have something arriving today that will revolutionise your life.

Alice Oh yeah? Just how will it do that?

Dr Delling Well it will change the way we communicate forever.

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Alice How much?

Dr Delling To you... fifty cents.

Alice You're kidding.

Dr Delling I'm not.

Alice So what does it do?

Dr Delling It takes a record of what you want to communicate.

Alice Hmm, I think I like talking actually. And so long as I don't lose my voice I don't really need anything else, do I? Sounds like it's just another gimmick.

Dr Delling Up to you, but I wouldn't pass this one up if I were you.

Alice Nah, I'll pass. Must get going. See you around!

Exit Alice

Dr Delling She never buys anything anyway.

Enter Ben

- Ben** What have you got today? Anything crazy and radical?
- Dr Delling** I always have crazy things.
- Ben** You sure do.
- Dr Delling** But I'm about to get something in that's really, really radical. You'd love it.
- Ben** You've got me intrigued. What is it?
- Dr Delling** Well, it's quite small, fits in your pocket, and it takes a record of what you want to communicate. It's going to change the way we communicate forever.
- Ben** Is it easy to use?
- Dr Delling** It's dead simple! A child could use it.
- Ben** Really?
- Dr Delling** No kidding.
- Ben** So how much?
- Dr Delling** To you... fifty cents.
- Ben** Only fifty cents? Have you seen one yet?

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Dr Delling No, but I've seen what it does and I reckon it's worth every cent.

Ben Well it doesn't have to be great to be worth fifty cents. Sounds too cheap and nasty to me. I like quality. Something that's solid and lasts forever.

Dr Delling But this *will* be around forever.

Ben For fifty cents! Yeah, right. I've got to go. I'll talk to you tomorrow! Find me something really crazy and radical! And quality!

Exit Ben

Dr Delling Why does something have to be expensive to be quality? Aren't the best things in life free?

Enter Cathy

Cathy Dr Delling! What are you selling today?

Dr Delling Only the best, new, radical, quality products around.