

Children's Sermon for July 26 (based on Mt. 13:31-33, 44-52)

Items needed: bottle of water; bottle of seltzer water.

Ask what is in each bottle--water. Point out how the water in each bottle looks exactly like the other. Then, say you are going to shake one of the bottles (shake plain water.) Now, I am going to open it (do so). What happens? Nothing. This is just plain water. Now, I will shake the other bottle of water (shake seltzer). Now, I am going to open it (do so, so water fizzes out). What happened? The water fizzed out when I opened the bottle. That's because this water is carbonated. That means, they've put little bubbles into the water, so it bubbles, like soda. But, before I shook the bottles and opened them, the water in each looked exactly the same. You could not see the little bubbles that had been put into this water. In today's Bible reading, Jesus talks about different ways that God works. One thing Jesus says about the way God works is that, sometimes, God is like the bubbles that were put into this one bottle of water. You can't always see the difference God makes. But God is working to make a difference, trying to give us love and hope that bubbles up inside us.

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