

# Awkward Jennifer

Key Words: Weeds

Key Verse: "He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.'" *Matthew 13:37*

Nobody liked Jennifer. She came from another country and it was hard to understand what she said. At breakfast, Jennifer drank hot chocolate from her bowl — having first dipped her toast in it! Everybody laughed when Rosie told them about Jennifer's breakfast, but they invited Jennifer to join them at playtime. Jennifer was a disaster, she was hopeless at skipping and wanted to change the game. In the end, the girls began to ignore Jennifer outside of class. During class she was a total pain. She was always eager to answer questions. It seemed her hand was always up. It wouldn't have been so bad if she'd answered well, but her answers were long and she was hard to understand. Everyone groaned whenever Jennifer answered, so that even the teacher, too, began to ignore her. Jennifer grew quieter and quieter. She still had her hand permanently up eager to answer questions, but she was rarely asked. At playtime she hung around the edge of the playground alone. No one was interested in her. Jennifer grew up without friends. She knew she was awkward and that nobody liked her, but she never knew why. She didn't know how or what she should change. She began to write down her thoughts in a journal, and it became

her only friend. It was the only place where she could pour out her heart.

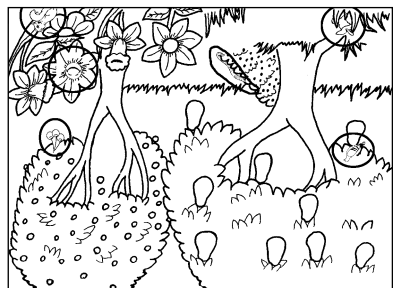
After three years Jennifer moved and everyone was relieved. Rosie and her friends quickly forgot all about Jennifer and her awkward ways. It was many years before they heard about Jennifer again. When all the girls had grown up, married, and had families of their own, a best selling book suddenly hit the market. It sold millions of copies all over the world, and its author became a celebrity overnight. Everyone read about Jennifer's school days, and remarked on the talent of this new writer. Rosie and her friends saw Jennifer on television, looking elegant and sounding delightful.

Rosie and her friends read Jennifer's book. As they read what they'd done to Jennifer, they felt deeply ashamed. They simply hadn't realized that such an ugly duckling could ever turn into a swan.

## Questions

**When a new student comes to your class, how do you treat him/her?**

**In Jesus' parable he says evildoers are like weeds, do you know why?**



Hide n' Seek

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| 12. CABBAGE      | 6. CARROTS     |
| 11. STRAWBERRIES | 5. POTATOES    |
| 10. SPINACH      | 4. BROCCOLI    |
| 9. LETTUCE       | 3. GREEN BEANS |
| 8. RADISHES      | 2. PEAS        |
| 7. ASPARAGUS     | 1. CORN        |

Unscrambler

## ANSWERS

# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**



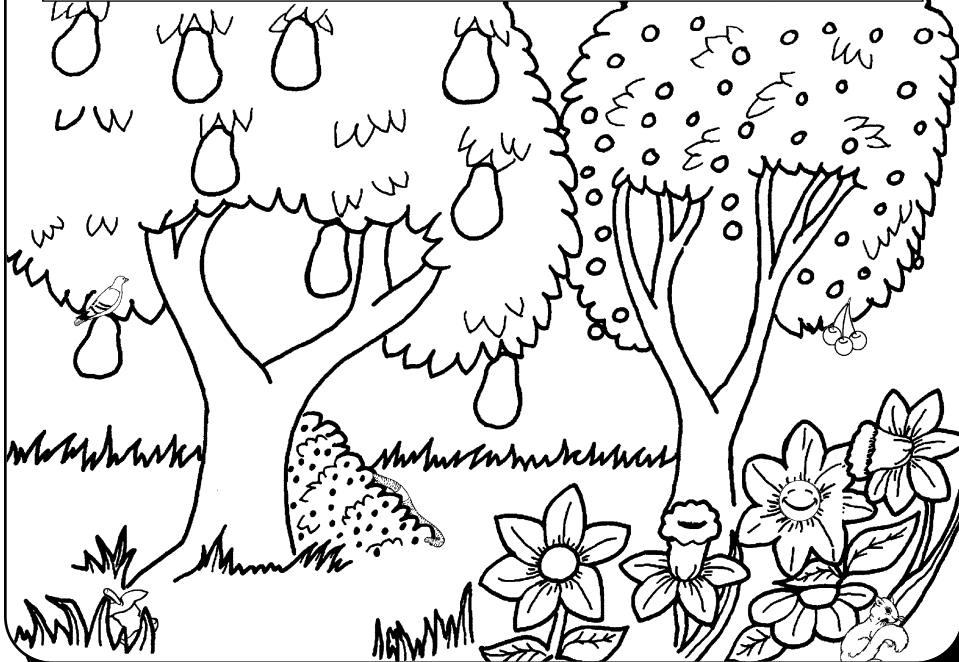
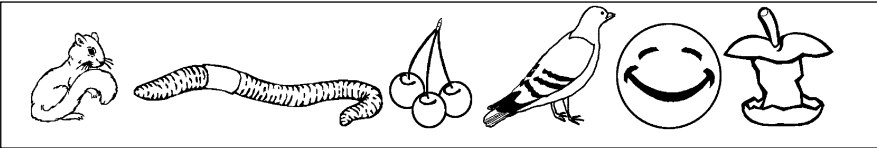
## Unscrambler

Unscramble the words below. These items are plants that we eat.

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| 1. NCOR _____        | 7. GAPSARUSA _____     |
| 2. ASPE _____        | 8. SEHIDRAS _____      |
| 3. NEREG NEBAS _____ | 9. ETLUCTE _____       |
| 4. COCLIOBR _____    | 10. CHANIPS _____      |
| 5. EOTAPTSO _____    | 11. REBSRATSEIWR _____ |
| 6. TSACRRO _____     | 12. BAGBACE _____      |

## Hide n' Seek

Find these items hidden in the picture below.



## Square O Dots

Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two dots together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!

