

## The Parable of the Yeast

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She worked hard in her kitchen.  
Her husband would soon be home  
after a hard day in the field.  
Her children would be with him  
for it was harvest time  
and it took everyone's help  
to gather the crops.  
They would all be hungry  
for the sun was hot  
and gathering the crops  
was hard work.  
They didn't have much  
but she had found enough flour  
to make many loaves of bread.  
She would make sure they were full and happy  
after a hard day in the field!  
But after she had added water  
and was ready to add yeast  
so the loaves would rise,  
she couldn't believe her bad luck...  
She only had a tiny bit of yeast left!  
So she prayed as she added the yeast  
and kneaded the dough.  
She worked the dough as much as she dared,  
working the yeast, working the yeast  
and hoping she had enough...  
but she needn't have worried.  
When she finally formed the dough into loaves  
and set them aside to rise,  
every single loaf puffed up  
as the yeast did its work.

And when her husband and children got home  
they had all the bread they wanted  
and enough for the next day as well.  
A little yeast goes a long, long way.

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The Parable of the Yeast is recorded in two of the three gospels  
— Matthew 13: 33 and Luke 13:20-21. But the parable itself is  
never explained.