“I don't know,” the friend replied, rubbing his _____. “I guess I thought it would be a different kind of kingdom. The kind that

But what happens when that seed is planted in the ground? First the young shoots poke up out of the ground. As the stalk grows taller & the branches begin to reach out, leaves & ____ form on the plant. Eventually the mustard plant is the tallest plant in the garden.”

"I agreed. It's just a plant." Mustard plants were common. They grew over six feet tall. Birds flocked to the plants. They ate the tiny seeds & rested on the shady ____. In the early spring the friends liked to eat the curly green shoots of the plant.

"When she makes bread she adds only a small amount of yeast in comparison to the flour. But the yeast works throughout the _____. It doesn't just stay in one little corner. As the yeast spreads through the _____, the bread begins to rise."

"God's kingdom is also like the yeast a woman puts in her _____." Jesus continued. The friends rolled their eyes at each other.