

## The Wheat and the Tares

The end of this selection describes the weeding out process as the separating what is good in us from what is evil. The good parts of our lives can become angels and go to heaven, where the righteous will shine as the sun. What is evil will be cast out into a furnace.

The students will separate the “wheat” from the “tares” (words describing heavenly things and things that belong to hell.) They will cut out the words and paste them on to a page that is black on one half (the bottom half) and yellow or gold (the top half). The heavenly words will be on the shining half. The words describing things from hell will be pasted where they belong on the black half.

### Materials (for each student):

black and gold paper.  
a copy of the vocabulary list.  
scissors  
glue

### Advance Preparation:

- Either prepare pages ahead of time to be half black and half gold or have the students fold and cut their pages in half and share with a neighbor.
- It might work best if the students have one whole piece of a color, and divide and paste the second color.
- Copy the vocabulary lists for each student

### Procedure:

Tell the students that the vocabulary words, like the wheat and the tares, have become all mixed up. The good words are mixed with the bad ones.

- Today your job is to cut out the words and put them in “heaven” with the Lord, or in “hell” with the selfish devils.
- Heaven, is a beautiful bright place, like the gold paper, and hell is a very dark place, where the evil spirits do not love the Lord.
- Separate the words by cutting them apart, and then paste them where they belong.

## Vocabulary List for Wheat and Tares Activity

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| brightness | heal     |
| devils     | darkness |
| hurt       | argue    |
| angels     | envy     |
| forgive    | help     |
| kind       | enemy    |
| good       | selfish  |
| Lord       | hugs     |
| fight      | loving   |
| hate       | greedy   |