

Parable of the Sower

Game

Play a game of Pictionary! Think of something that grows and draw a picture of it while your family try to guess what it is. Whoever guesses first wins a point! You could draw flowers, trees, plants, people, animals and many more things.

Today we are learning a parable that Jesus told about a sower who sows some seeds.
Read about what happens to those seeds.



Bible Reading



The Parable of the Sower

People kept coming to Jesus from one town after another; and when a great crowd gathered, Jesus told this parable:

"Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it up. Some of it fell on rocky ground, and when the plants sprouted, they dried up because the soil had no moisture. Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up with the plants and choked them. And some seeds fell in good soil; the plants grew and produced corn, 100 grains each."

And Jesus concluded, "Listen, then, if you have ears!"

Luke 8v4-8

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Sower

"This is what the parable means: the seed is the word of God. The seeds that fell along the path stand for those who hear; but the Devil comes and takes the message away from their hearts in order to keep them from believing and being saved. The

seeds that fell on rocky ground stand for those who hear the message and receive it gladly. But it does not sink deep into them; they believe only for a while but when the time of testing comes, they fall away. The seeds that fell among thorn bushes stand for those who hear; but the worries and riches and pleasures of this life crowd in and choke them, and their fruit never ripens. The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit.

Luke 8v11-15

You can watch a video of this story here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZEO_Ls2ERs



Big Questions



1. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us from this parable?

Talk about the different types of soil and what it might look like to live in each of these ways.

2. Which type of soil does Jesus want us to be like?
3. Which type of soil do you think you are now? What changes do you think you could make to have a heart that pleases God more?



Songs



Every move I make = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tr5eUBTCIw>

God can do anything - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nuzbWEiaeY>



Prayer



Think about ways you can make your relationship with Jesus more like the seed in the good soil. Pray for help with these steps to improve your relationship with God. Pray that you will hear and read the words of the bible and then be obedient by following God's ways.



Craft

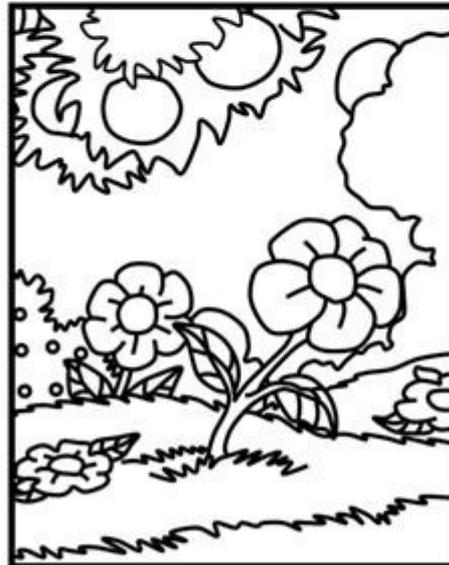
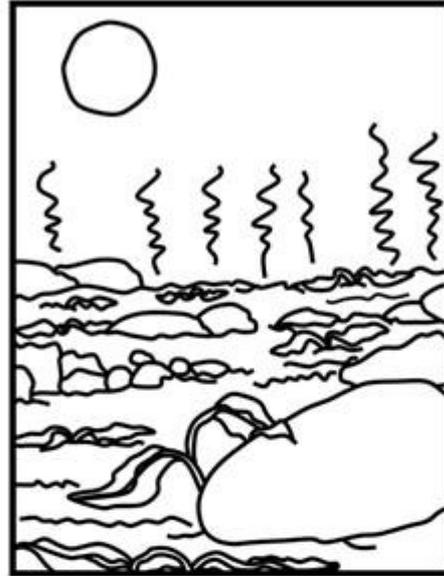


1. Make a flower or plant picture, you can use collage materials to be as creative as you can. Here are some examples,



2. Draw a picture to show what happened to the seeds that fell in different places. Think about what the different soils stand for as you draw.
3. If you have some seeds, you could plant these and talk to your parents about what plants need to grow.

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The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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PLANTS
WITHER
FELL
ROCKY

SCORCH
BIRDS
PARABLE
SHALLOW

FARMER
ROOT
SCATTER
GOOD

THORNS
CHOKES
SEED
SOW

CROP
SOIL
GREW
PATH

The Sower

Matthew 13:1-23

In the parable of the sower different things happen to the seed that was planted. Look up the verses and explain the meaning of the four seeds.



seed by wayside—eaten by birds

verse 19 (meaning in your own words) _____



seed on stony ground—scorched by sun

verse 21 _____



seed among thorns—choked by thorns

verse 22 _____



seed in good ground—fruitful

verse 23 _____

