

Once upon a time

How Jesus uses parables in Matthew's Gospel

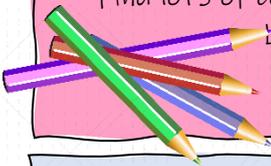
What is it all about?

As Jesus travelled around the countryside with his disciples, large crowds often gathered around him to hear him teach. He often taught them by using parables. A parable is a story that Jesus made up to help people understand what he wanted to teach them. This story, the story of the sower, is all about how people respond to the word of God – the message Jesus was spreading.

Activities

Colour it!

Find lots of colouring pages at biblekids.eu.
Look for The Sower by clicking on the New Testament area



Watch it!

Have a look at 'Rod the Ney – Parable of the Sower' or 'The Parable of the Sower Bible Animation' on YouTube



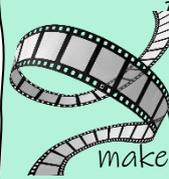
Draw it!

Draw a few big flowers on a sheet of paper and then glue seeds in the middle of the flowers or to form an outline around the flowers.



Make it!

A Parable is a story with a meaning. Have a go at making up your own story with a meaning. Write it out, draw a cartoon strip or make video of it and send it to Rev Tracy



Sing it! (and rock out while you worship!)

Jeremy Camp's – Living Word reminds us that we have to take the Word of God into our hearts and live it!



Bake it!

Make some Worm and Dirt Chocolate pots – the seed that fell into the good soil! (No actual baking required!)



Talk about it!

So, if we are being honest, there are things in life that distract us from Living The Word – just like the thorns stopped the seeds from growing to their full potential.

Talk to your family about things that distract you from the message of 'Listen, Believe and Live'. It could be the small things like the TV or it could be something more complicated like your friends. Take this opportunity to talk and pray with your family for the strength to live, fully, as Kingdom people.

Pray it!

Our Father,
help us to be like the good soil in our lesson today.
Help us to listen to your Word and grow up to be
the kind of people you want us to be.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



Links:

Watch it	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9IOhGPrRvY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5_1q5DIAjs
Sing it	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6-KKBxaFJk
Make it	Comic strip templates at https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/art/comic-strip-templates
Colour it	http://www.biblekids.eu/new_testament/sower/sower_index.html
(No) Bake It	http://allrecipes.co.uk/recipe/24873/worm-and-dirt-chocolate-pots.aspx
Draw it	https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/seed-mosaic.html

