

Parables of Jesus

Our Stay-at -Home series is about the Parables Jesus told. Jesus used the parables to explain to us concepts that may otherwise be difficult to understand. Over the next several weeks we will look at the earthly stories and explain and apply the heavenly meaning that goes with them.

I have included a short story video for this lesson. Please use the link below to access the video.

Link to the Story Video - The Sower - <https://youtu.be/EjC0b7UM1HU>

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The Sower


Lesson Plan

Key Verses: **(Matthew 13)**


Objectives:

 2's&3's -


- To be introduced to the concept of a parable.
- To learn the parable of the Sower

 4's&5's -

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Application:

 2's&3's -


- I can be the "good soil" by hearing and doing God's word.

 4's&5's -


- I can Put God First.

 K & 1st -

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 2nd & 3rd -

- I can be the “good soil” by hearing and doing God’s word.
- I can learn to avoid being other types of soil.

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Activities:

 2’s&3’s - Sower Color page (page 7)

The Farmer Sows His Seed coloring book (pages 8-11)


 4’s&5’s - Sower Color page (page 7)

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Parable of the Sower (page 12)

 2nd & 3rd - Parable of the Sower (easy) (page 12)

Parable of the Sower (hard) (page 13)

What kind of Soil are you? (page 14)

 4th & up - Parable of the Sower (hard) (page 13)

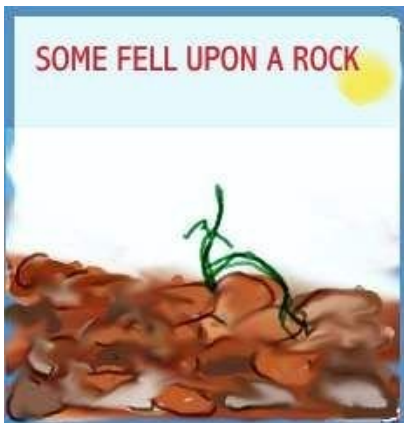
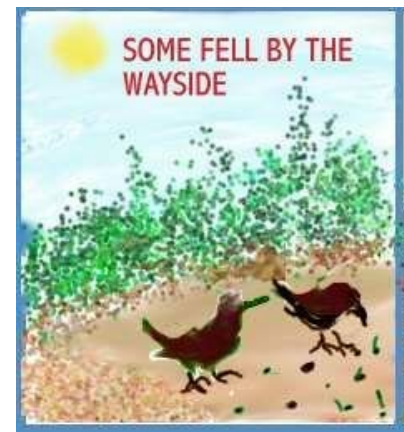
What kind of Soil are you? (page 14)

Parable - The Sower (Matthew 13)

We have learned how to be a light, how to build our house on the solid rock of God's word and how Jesus came to save all of us who are lost. So, who remembers what a parable is? Right, a parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. In other words, it's a story about something we can all understand about something most of us know about, but that story helps us learn something new about heaven, or Jesus, the church and God's plan for us, something we may not be familiar with. Today, we are going to read a parable about a sower, or farmer, who was sowing or planting seeds.

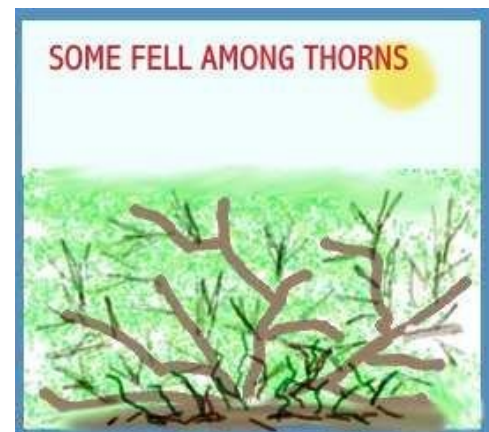
Jesus told His disciples this parable:

One day, a farmer went out to plant his crops. As he scattered the seeds, some fell on the hard ground or road that created a path between the fields. Almost immediately after the seeds landed on the ground, birds swooped down and ate them all.



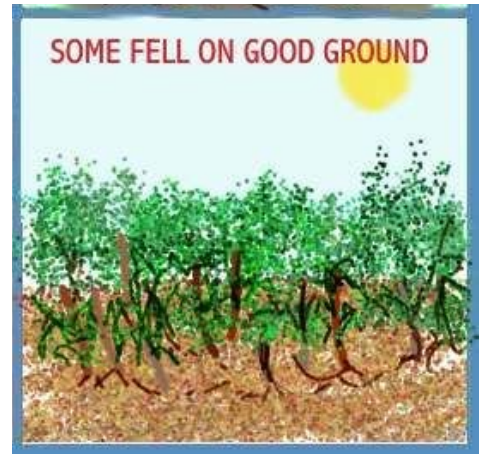
Some of the farmer's seeds fell on the rocky soil. The seeds grew in the sun and rain, but there wasn't enough dirt for the seedlings to take root. They kept bumping into rocks. Soon, they couldn't hold themselves up and they withered and died.

Other seeds fell among the thorns or weeds. As the seeds grew so did the thorns. But they grew faster and bigger taking all the sun, soil and water. Before long, the thorns choked the life out of the new plants.



But there were some seeds that landed in the good soil which was rich with nutrients and clear of rocks and thorns. These seeds grew big and strong and produced a great crop.

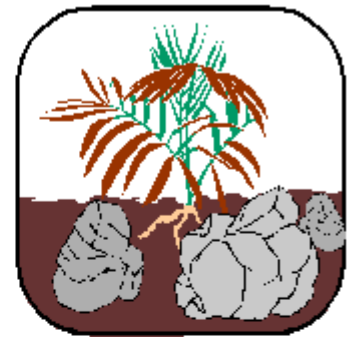
Now, we know that all of Jesus' parables tell a good story about something we can understand, but they also have a deeper meaning. So, let's look at this parable and see what Jesus is saying about the word of God being sown in our lives or in our hearts.



packed soil

The seed that fell on the road or the hard path and was eaten by the birds is the person who hears God's word but doesn't listen to it. He has no interest in what Jesus has to say and turns away from God. He would rather enjoy the things of the world than listen to God.

The seed that fell on the rocky ground are like the people who are eager to hear God's word. But then doubts and fears creep in. The seed, or God's word, started to grow but they soon turned back to the world.



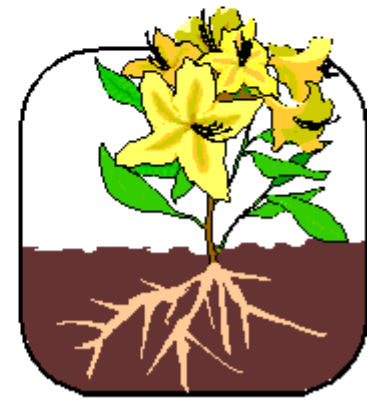
stony ground



thorny ground

And what about the seed that grew among the thorns? Well, that's like the person who hears God's word and believes, but over time, life and the things of the world slowly take over and become more important than God's word. Eventually there is no room left for Jesus and God's word.

Now the seeds that land on the good soil that was rich in nutrients are like the one who hears God's word, believe and follow Him. They do their best to follow God, study His word and learn how He wants us to be like Him. We walk as Jesus would walk, showing love and other fruits of the spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23. And in following Him we share His word with others, do good works and grow and produce a great crop.



good soil

What type of soil are you? What type of soil do you want to be? What can you do to be good soil?

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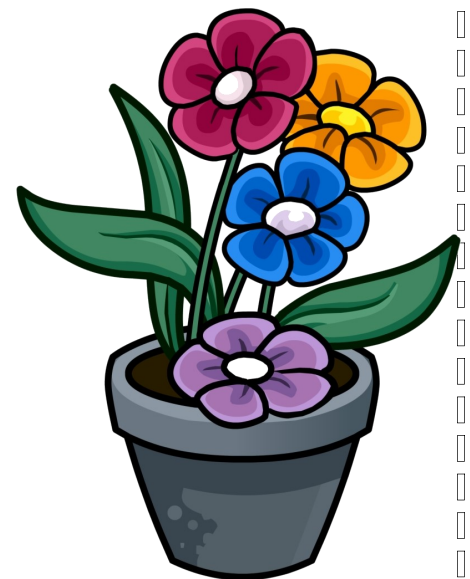
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Hands-on Activity:

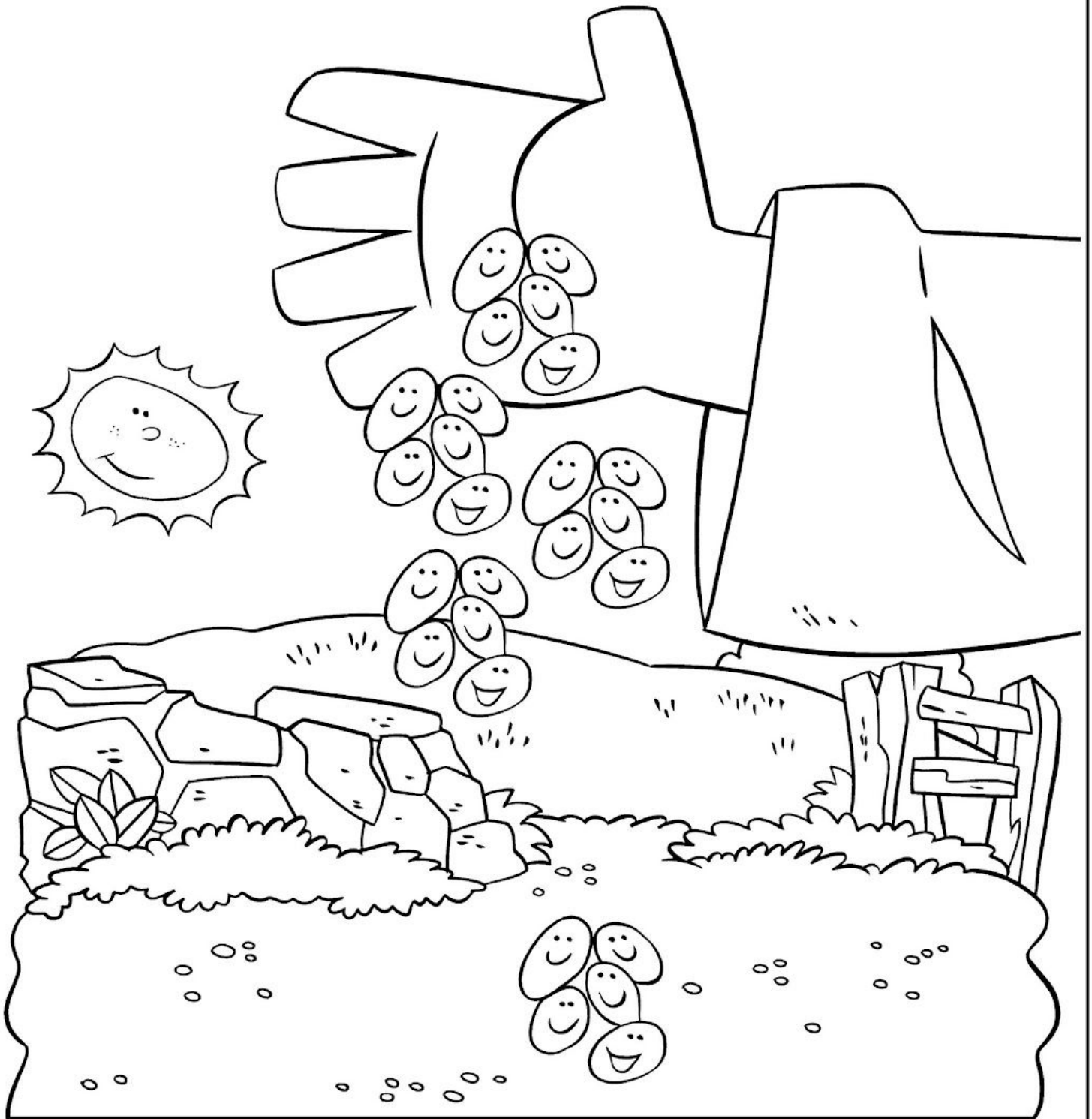
Have the children toss some seeds on the ground, parking lot, or grass, and then have a special pot with soil for them to plant some seeds. You can tend to it each day or give the children their own little cups or pots with seeds so they can tend to it. Next week, compare what happened to the seeds.

- Look for the seeds on the parking lot -- did they disappear or grow?
- What about the ones over by the rocks?
- What about around the grass?
- How are the seeds in the pot growing?

Go back over the parable as you explain our faith and love for God. Are we ready to let our love for God take root and grow deep?



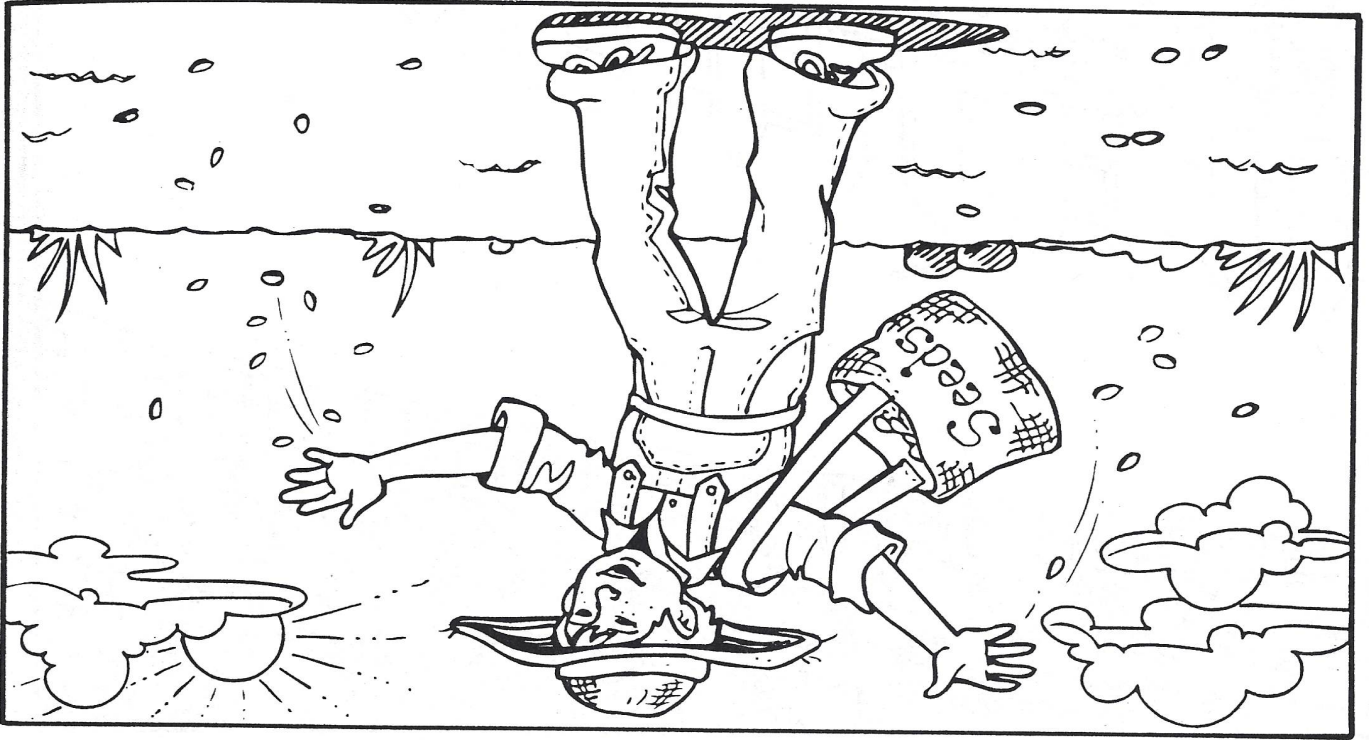
The Parable of the Sower



Coloring Pages

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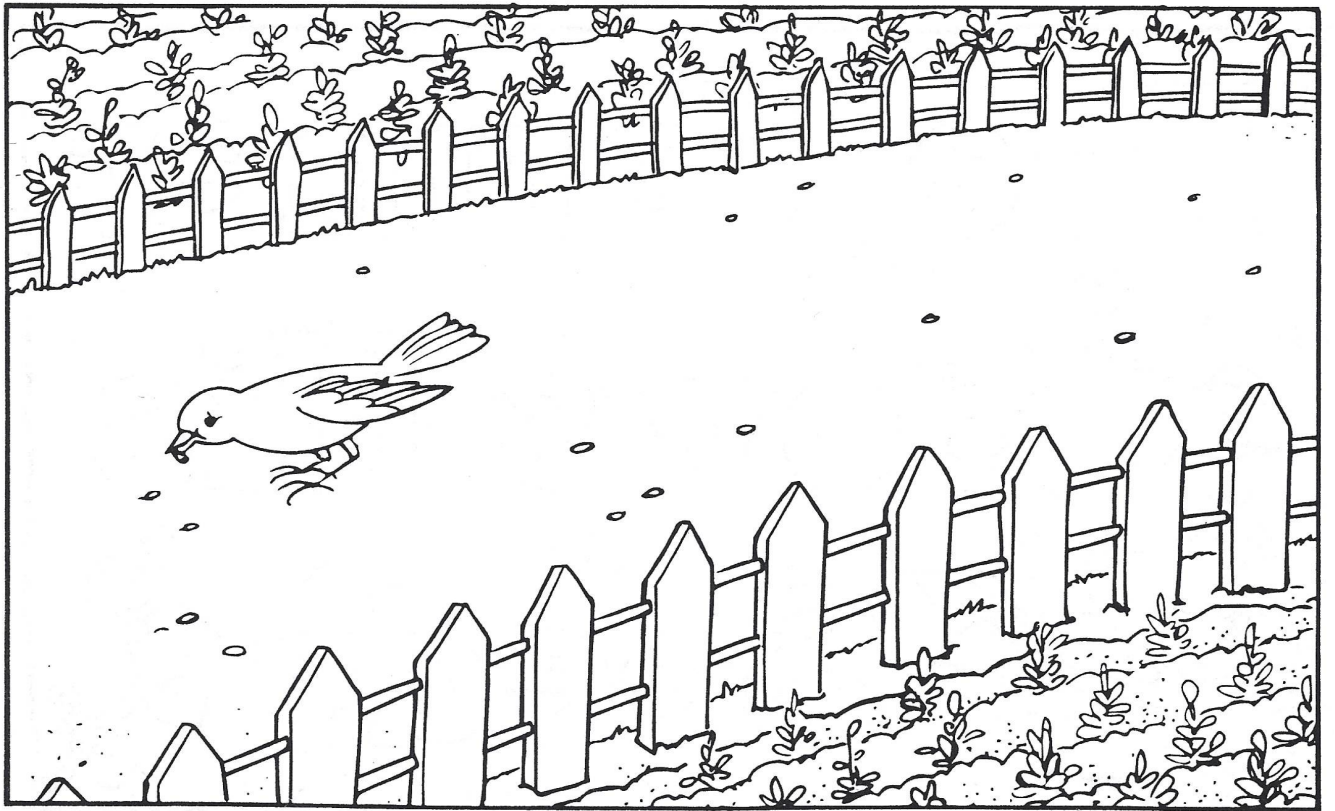
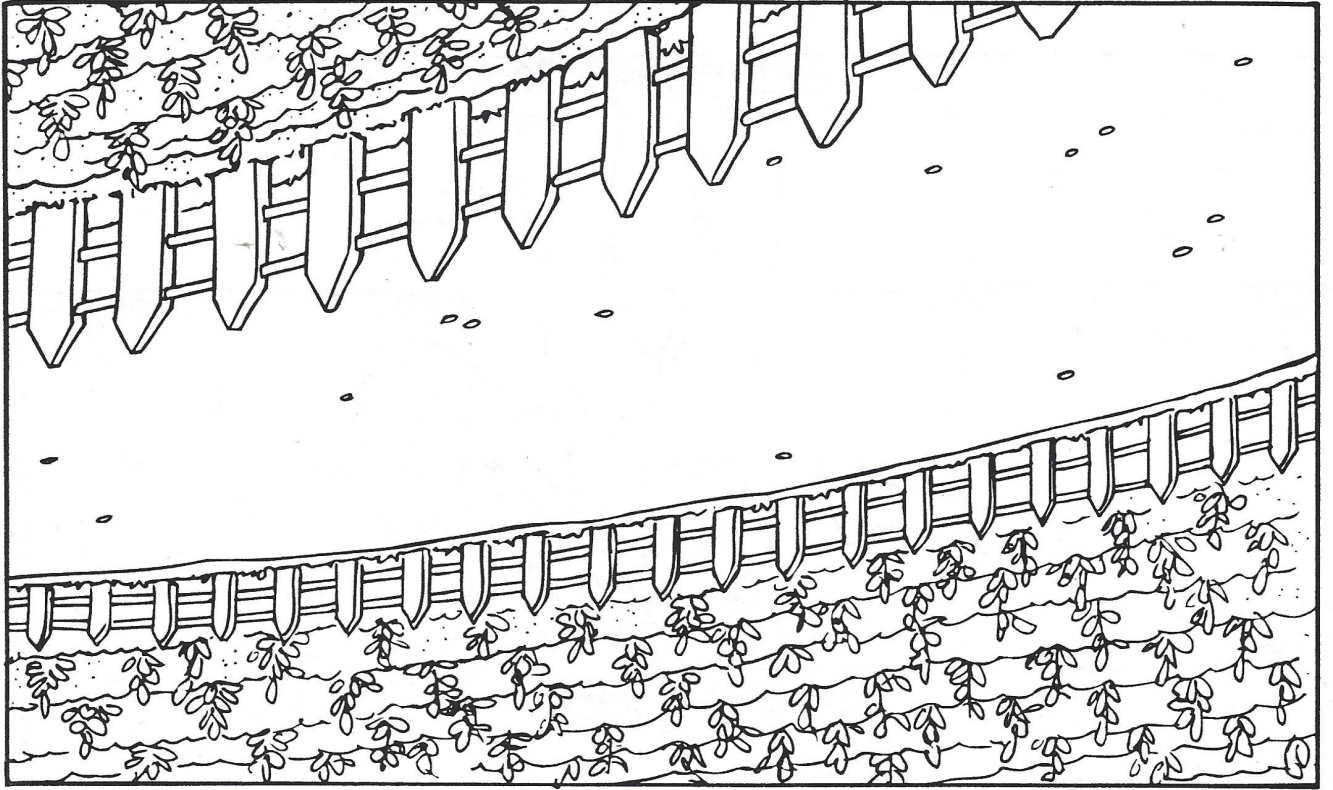
2 The seeds were scattered every which way.
A farmer went out to plant one day.



The Farmer Sows His Seeds

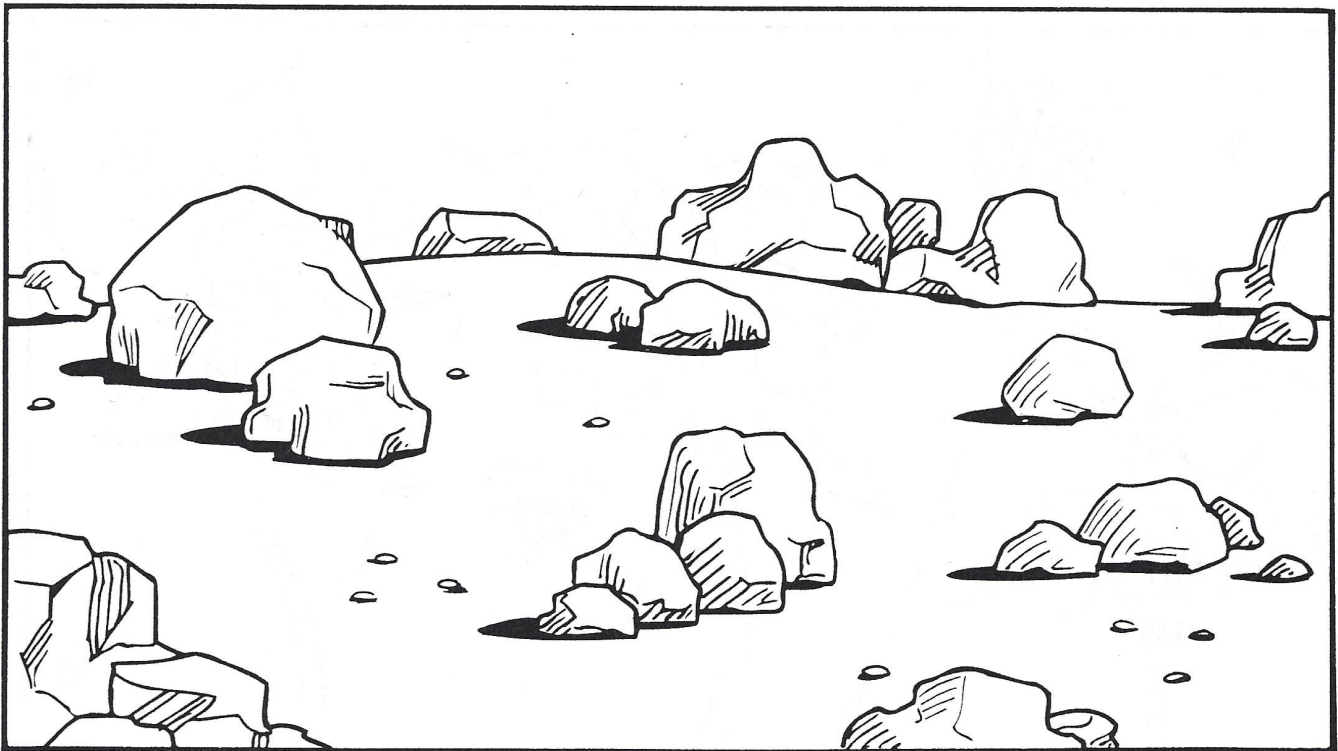
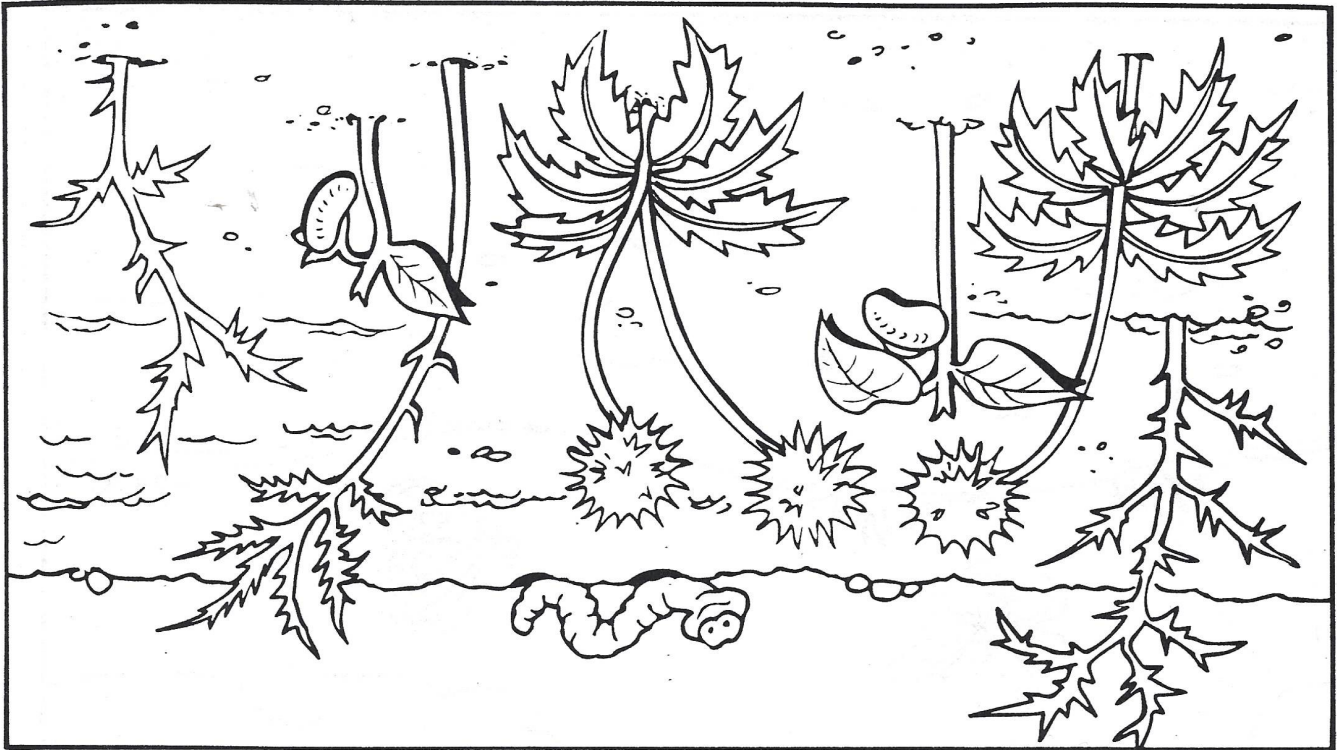
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Cut story pages in half, staple in order to retell the story.

3 Some seeds fell on the path near the field.

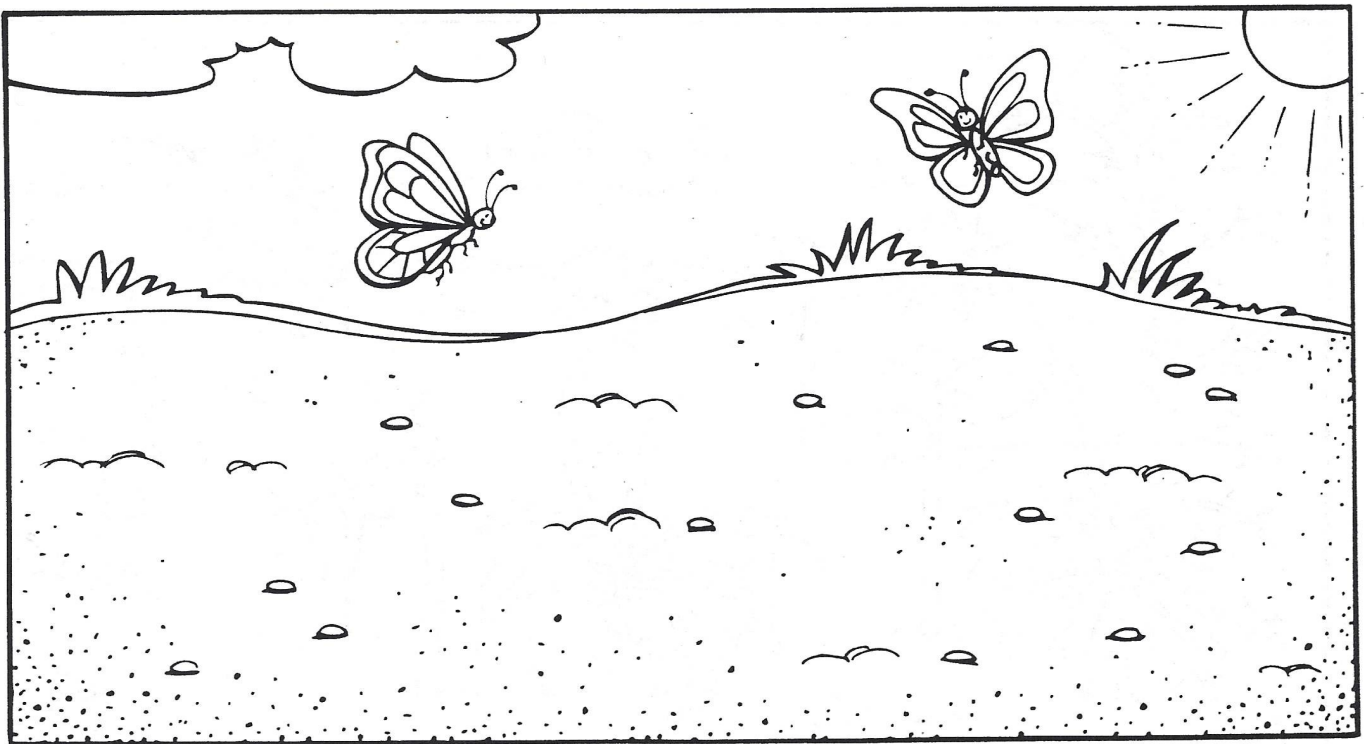


4 The birds came down and ate their fill.

6 The weeds grew tall and took over the plants.
Some seeds fell in a weedy patch.



Some seeds fell on the rocky ground.
But no plants grew. None could be found. 5

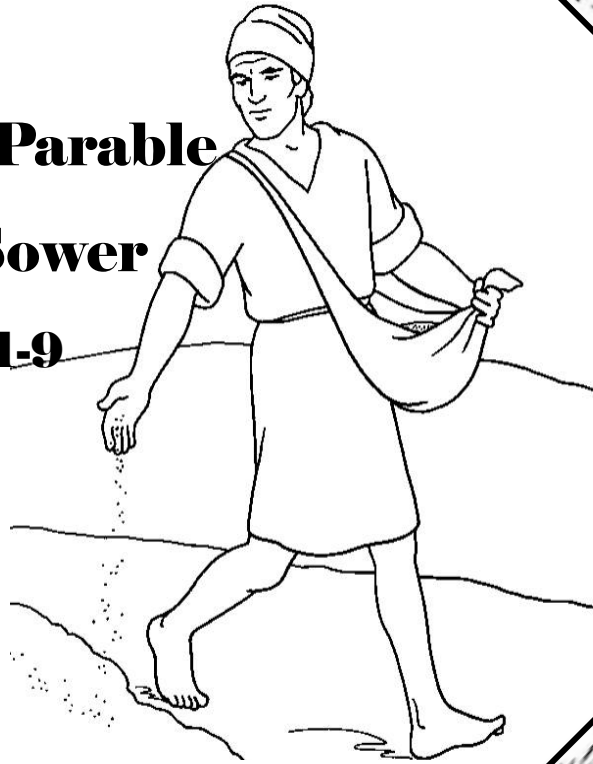


Some of the seeds that the farmer threw
fell in good soil and ...

The Good Soil

The Rocky Path

**The Parable
of the Sower
Matt 13:1-9**



The Weeds

The Dry Path

Cut off here. Fold picture on solid diagonal lines. Cut and glue inside the triangles the correct types of soil/follower for each picture.

Hears the word,
Follows it,
But when life gets
hard turns away.

Hears the word,
But the cares of the
world
Choke the word and
does not follow

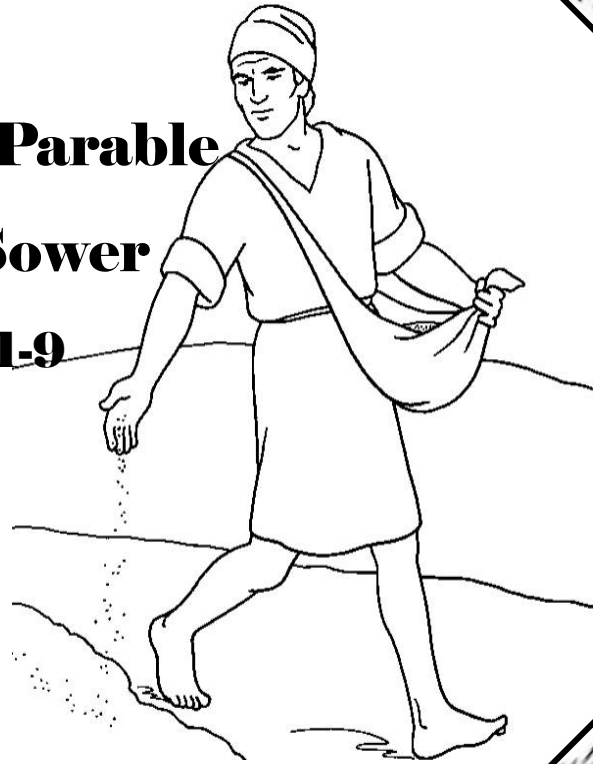
Hears the word
But does not follow it

Hears the word
Understands and
obeys

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The Weeds

The Dry Path

Cut off here. Fold picture on solid diagonal lines. Write on the inside the triangles the correct types of follower for each type of soil. Use Matthew 13:18-23, where Jesus explains the parable of the sower to help you.

What Kind of Soil are you?

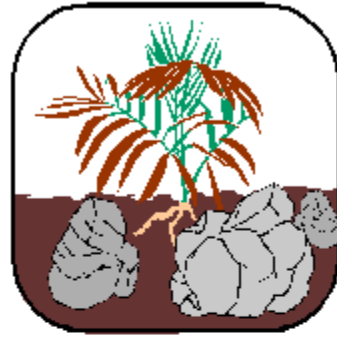


packed soil

Type of Faith:
Matthew 13:19

What not to do:
Hebrews 4:2

What to do instead:
Romans 10:17



stony ground

Type of Faith:
Matthew 13:20-21

What not to do:
Hebrews 6:12

What to do instead:
1 John 5:4-5



thorny ground

Type of Faith:
Matthew 13:22

What not to do:
Jude 1:4

What to do instead:
Jude 1:3



good soil

Type of Faith:
Matthew 13:23

What to do :
2 Peter 1:5-8
