

# Parable of the Sower

**Bible story:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, (Video of greeting and bible verse read by Nycole available on the website)

## **Questions to ask:**

What happened to the seeds that fell on the path?

The rocky soil?

Among the thorns?

What happened to the seeds that fell on good soil?

What do you think Jesus meant when he told everyone with ears to listen?

I wonder what planting seeds has to do with following and listening to Jesus.

## **Why is this important?**

Jesus tells a parable about seeds sown in different types of soil, with different results. He goes on to explain his parable. The seed is God's word about the kingdom. The different soil types represent different ways people hear and accept or internalize this message. Those who hear, understand, and live the good news are like excellent soil, which produces much.

Kids may appreciate both the form of this story and its content. The simplicity of parables makes them accessible to people who may have a hard time parsing the book of Romans. The parable's explanation offers its hearers and readers a chance to imagine and wonder which type of "soil" represents their experience.

## **Object Lesson:**

What you'll need: A potted plant or a picture of a potted plant

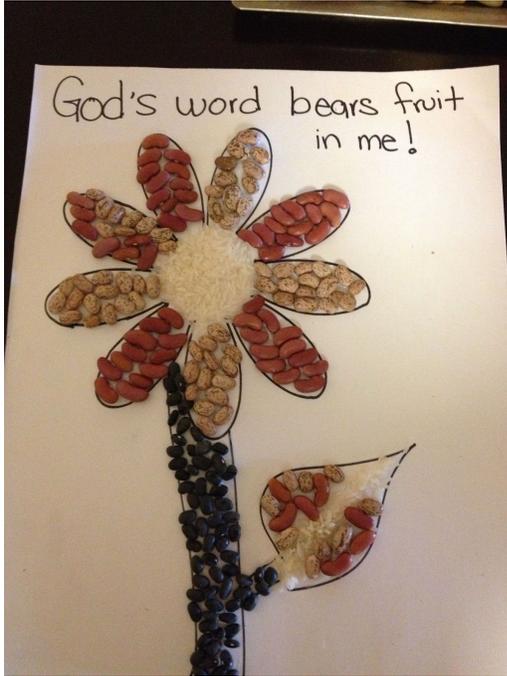
Can anyone tell me what's missing from this pot? There are no rocks in the pot. There are no weeds or thorns. There's no gravel, no cement, nothing but good soil. This plant is growing and thriving because it has everything it needs to grow and thrive - and nothing to stop its growth.

Jesus gave us some stories called parables, including the Parable of the Sower. If we let these stories penetrate our hearts, like the seed that penetrated the soil in this pot, they will fertilize and nourish our faith. The more we listen to the words of Jesus, the more we grow in wisdom and in faith.

I hope you'll let the words of Jesus sink into good soil so that your faith can grow tall and strong. Let's open our ears, our hearts, and our minds so we can discover what Jesus has to teach us!

## Art Ideas:

Beans and rice flower:



Cupcake liner flower & bible verse:



