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Weekly Pack 30
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Harvest thanksgiving - the sower

Story and activities to do at home
while we are unable to meet.

Dont worry if you don't do everything in here.
Just do what you fancy and have fun!



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Story



New Living Translation

One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: "A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" When he had said this, he called out, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled:

'When they look, they won't really see.'

'When they hear, they won't understand.'

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word. The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.



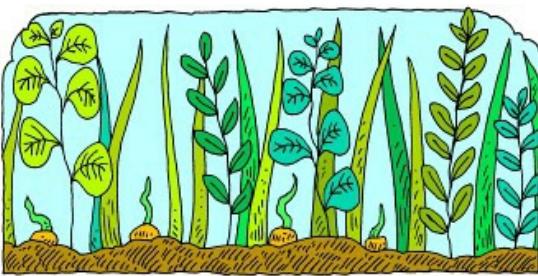
Luke 8:4-15

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Simple Version

Jesus told the crowd a story. "A farmer went out to plant some seeds, as he scattered the seed some fell on the path, the birds flew down and ate the seed. Some fell between the rocks, the seed started to grow but there was not enough soil for the roots, so the plants wilted. Some fell among the thorns the plants grew but were choked by the thorns. Some fell on the fertile soil, the plants grew, and a good crop was harvested."



The disciples asked Jesus to explain the meaning of the parable. "The seed is God's word, and the farmer is the one sharing God's word. Some people are like the path they hear God's word, but it is taken away from them. Some people are like the rocky soil, hearing God's word, at the beginning but give up on it. The thorns are like people hearing God's word but other things in their life choke it. Some people are like the fertile soil with an open heart ready to act on God's word. Their life is like a good harvest."

Questions to discuss

After reading the story together, you could discuss these questions as a family:

1. Have you tried growing plants from seeds? Where is the best place to plant seeds?
2. In what kind of places did the seeds in the story fall?
3. What did Jesus say that the seeds in the story were?
4. What did Jesus say were the four different types of soil?
5. Which of the four types of soil would you like to be?



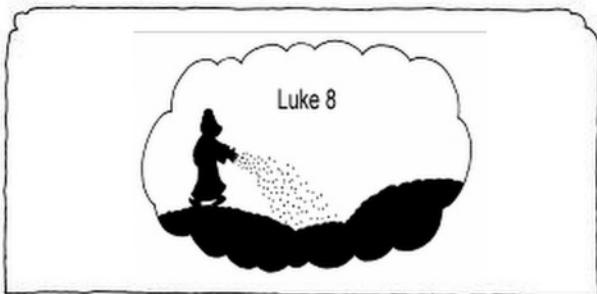
Story to colour

THE farmer's seed - parable

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By Jill Kemp

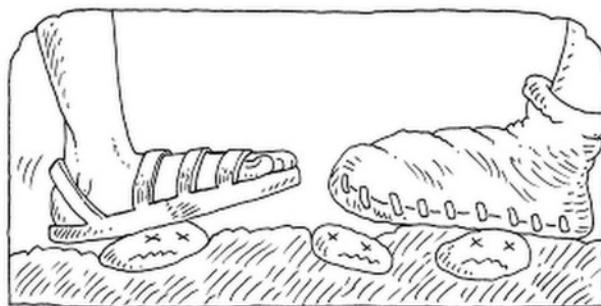
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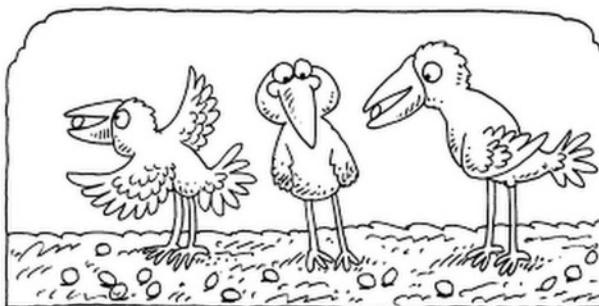
"How can I get to heaven?"
We all ask this question
and Nicodemus asked Jesus too.
This is recorded in the Bible.



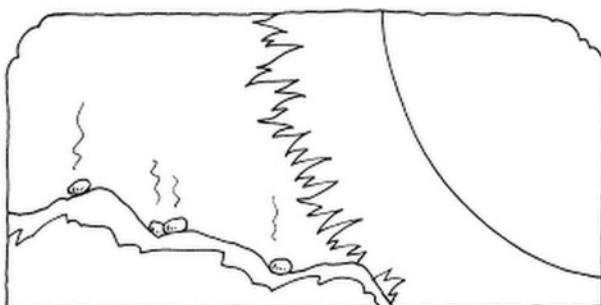
Jesus told a story about a farmer
who scattered some seed in a field.
He wanted the seed to grow well
so he would get a big harvest.



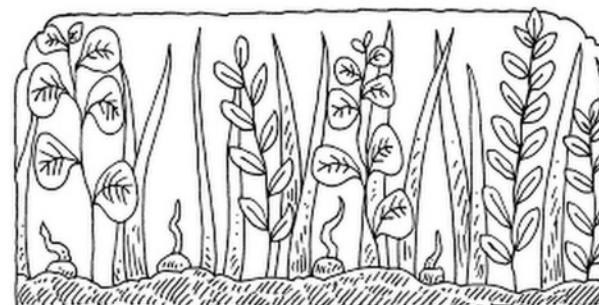
Some seed fell on the path
and it got squashed when
someone stood on it.



Some seed fell onto good ground,
but birds came and ate it.
That good seed



Some seed fell onto rocks
where it began to grow.
But the seed died
because it was too hot and dry.



Some seeds fell between weeds.
The weeds grew bigger than
the new plants and they
had no room to grow.



But some seed fell onto good ground
and grew into big, strong plants.
The plants had lots of new seed
for the farmer's harvest.



God's words are like seeds
that grow in our hearts.
I want God's love to grow strong in my heart.
I will tell everyone about Jesus.



Short prayer

O God,

thank you for being able to hear the good news about your love.

Thank You for the people who have told me about You.

Please help me to be like the good ground - really listen to what You say in the Bible.

Amen.

Challenges

Your own crossword

Think about things that you are thankful for.
Make a crossword of them using Scrabble letters (or something similar).

You can ask your family to help you.



Planting spring bulbs

In our story this week, a man went out to sow seeds.

How about planting daffodil, crocus or other spring bulbs?

You will need a plant pot/tub, compost and some bulbs.

Don't forget to water them!

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Wordsearch

V Y E O I P B X H W O R D Z J P I W
Y R S E I L B B N G R O W Y F Q E C
U C B G O O D C R O P F F M M S D E
Q H T R O C K S K D R H O Q Z H L Y
Y G X R J S O W E R A N O Z M B X U
S V H T V D R T V I E R T N A V E Y
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PARABLE
SOWER
SEEDS
FOOTPATH
EATEN
ROCKS
WILTED
THORNS
CHOKED
SOIL
CROP
WORD
GROW
HONEST
PATIENT
HEART
GOOD
HARVEST

C R N W A B O C E A H R N P W G T D S L F W A B O H



'Chopsticks' thanks

'Thank you' is a very important phrase. We get so many things from God!
In this game, there is an opportunity to thank God for some of them.

You will need:

- 'Chopsticks' - a pair per player or 2 teaspoons each
- A nut (** change this if you have a nut allergy **)
- A piece of pasta
- 1 grape
- A small square of bread

How to play:

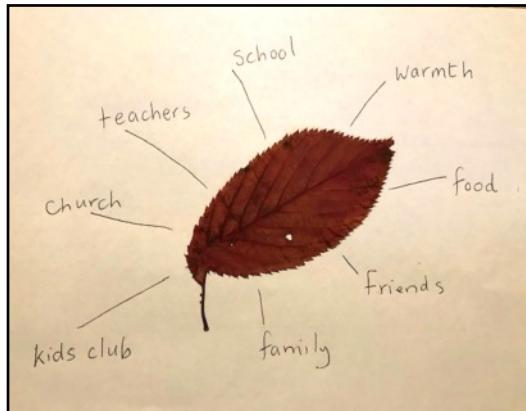
- The players sit in a circle around a table
- Each player gets a pair of chopsticks or teaspoons
- The first player picks up the nut with the chopsticks or teaspoon and passes it to the next player.
- While doing this the player says "Thank you God for the sun!" or "Thank God for buttons!" Or anything!
- Once the nut has been around the table, pass round the other foods in the same way.
- If a player drops the food, they say "Thank you, God for ..." (something else) before passing the food on.
- How fast can you pass one piece of food around the circle?



Creative prayer

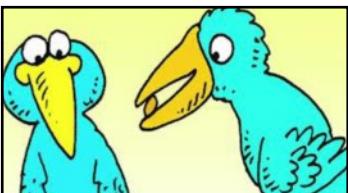
Thanks leaves!

- Look at the natural world around you. Isn't it wonderful and beautiful?
- Look at the variety of trees and leaves, their colours and shapes.
- Each leaf is unique, just as you are!
- Select one leaf and place it in the centre of a sheet of paper. Write a list of everything you are grateful for around it.
- It is important to be grateful.
- While you are drawing or writing or when you have finished, thank God for all that you have thought of.



Empty Plate

- What is your favorite food?
- Draw or cut pictures from magazines of your favorite foods and paste on a paper plate.
- There are many people who do not get enough to eat in this country and abroad.
- Write a prayer on the plate asking God to feed everyone.



Video of the story
<https://youtu.be/DmEtgoj2agI>

Video of song of the week (with Makaton)
<https://youtu.be/ivdBC35QC3w>

Links



Cartoon of the story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9lOhGPrRvY&t=19s>



Puzzles

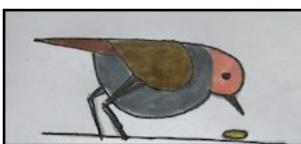
The sower

Can you find seven differences between these two pictures?



Soil and people

There was a message in Jesus' story about the sower. Draw an arrow from each picture to the correct words.



People receive the message and keep going.



People hear the message but then forget it

People are very happy with the message but then give up.



People hear the message but other things are more important



Solve the code

Key to the code:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

21,8,5 19,5,5,4,19 20,8,1,20 6,5,12,12 15,14 20,8,5 7,15,15,4 19,15,9,12

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Recipe but not for you to eat!

Bird Food Cakes

You will need:

- 500g seeds for birds
- 250g of lard (1 packet)
- Wool



Directions:

- Heat the lard in a saucepan but do not boil it.
- Leave the lard to cool a little but don't let it harden.
- Mix the seeds into the melted lard.
- Put the mixture into muffin tins.
- Cut pieces of wool or string, make a loop then push both ends about 1cm into the mixture.
- Now the bird food cakes must be allowed to harden completely.
- Remove the bird food cakes from the muffin tins.
- Place the cakes to hang on trees for the birds to come and eat. Some of the seeds may fall on the ground and grow!

Sing and sign

My heavenly Father,
He is the gardener,
He is the gardener of my heart.
What He sows He will grow,
'Cos He wants His love to show
My heavenly Father
is the gardener of my heart.

Oh I need to know and sow
Good things within me,
Learning how to sow and grow
Just like God says
Then my life will grow and show
His fruit to others
to know and sow and grow and show
As His love in my heart starts to overflow



(Hey-ho, Here we go)

Best place to start God's seed in your heart

(Hey-ho! Now we know)

what do you know, He'll make it grow!

(Hey-ho! Here we go)

Put down roots, send up shoots,

(Hey-ho! Now we know)

Put out fruit, and then reboot

(Hey-ho! Here we go)

Kindness and peace, are going to increase,

(Hey-ho! Now we know)

more love each day so let's give it away

(Hey-ho! Here we go)

whatever the weather, His love's forever

(Hey-ho! Now we know)

We can understand what God has planned

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Watch this song, sing and sign along (Makaton) at <https://youtu.be/ivdBC35QC3w>
If you'd like a copy of the sheet music, contact Andy Hughes - ahughes@saintygymuned.org