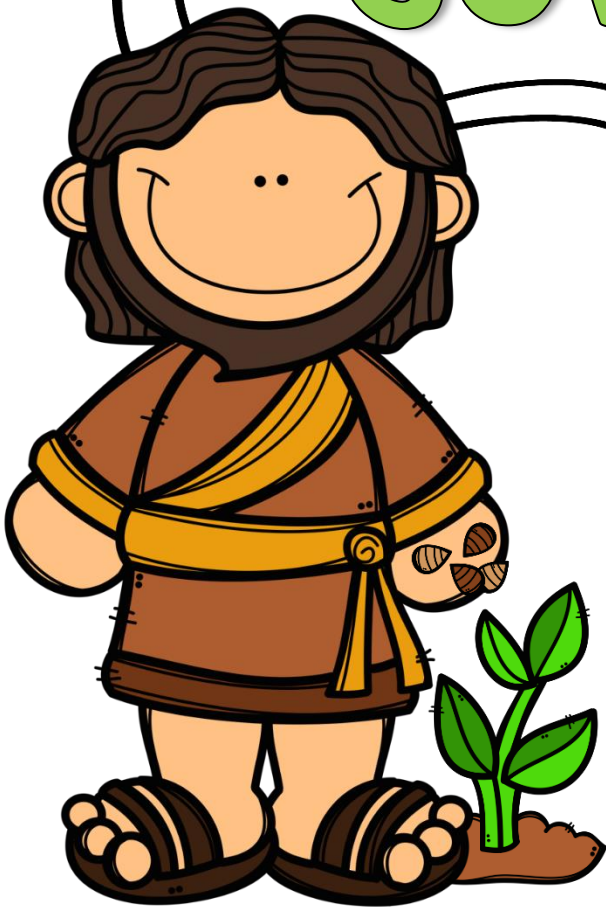


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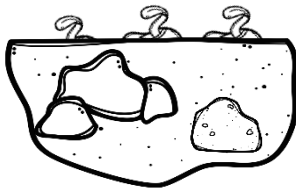
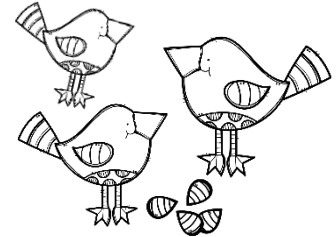
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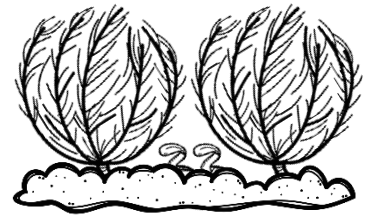
There once lived a farmer who planted many seeds in his garden. As he began to spread handfuls of his seeds, some of the seeds scattered and fell to the ground.

Some of the farmer's seeds landed on the hard, dry soil of the pathway. The soil on this pathway was too hard for the seeds to sprout, and so they just laid on top of the ground. Hungry birds saw these seeds and flew down to eat them all up.



Some of the farmer's seeds fell on soil that had many rocks and small stones buried beneath the surface. These seeds were able to grow quickly in the soil, but there was not enough room for the roots to grow and so the sprouts withered and died in the hot sun.

Some of the farmer's seeds fell into a patch of thorny bushes. These seeds were able to quickly grow beside the bushes, but the bushes soon took roots that spread across the soil. The seeds that had sprouted had no room to spread their roots, and so they were choked out by the thorny bushes and died.



The rest of the farmer's seeds landed on soft, rich soil. These seeds were able to grow into large healthy plants. When the farmer returned to his harvest, he found that the seeds had produced a great crop.

What lesson is Jesus teaching his disciples? Imagine that the seed represents your faith in God.

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# Let's Make Connections!

## The Parable of the Sower

Imagine that *The Parable of the Sower* were told with people instead of with seeds. Read about each person below to see how this Parable may have looked.

**Meet Riley:** Which seed does Riley represent? \_\_\_\_\_

Riley is a very smart student. She gets A's on every test, and always brings home a great report card. Riley works very hard in school and always follows her teacher's directions.

One day, a boy in Riley's class wanted to share what he had learned at the children's mass at his church. He told Riley that Jesus loves all living things, and that He sacrificed his life by dying on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. Riley laughed at the boy and said, "Yeah, right. You made that whole story up."

The boy did not become angry with Riley; instead he invited Riley to come with him to the next children's mass so that she could find out how fun it is to learn about Jesus. Riley rolled her eyes and told the boy that church sounded boring, and that she had better things to do than to learn about Jesus. She was not interested in learning about God or the Bible.



**Meet Ethan:** Which seed does Ethan represent? \_\_\_\_\_

One afternoon, Ethan invited his friend Caleb to play with him on the playground. When Caleb came to play, he was very excited to tell Ethan all about how he got to lead the family prayer at dinner the night before. Caleb told Ethan that he had been learning about God, and knew that if he believed in Jesus and was kind to others, that he could go to Heaven.

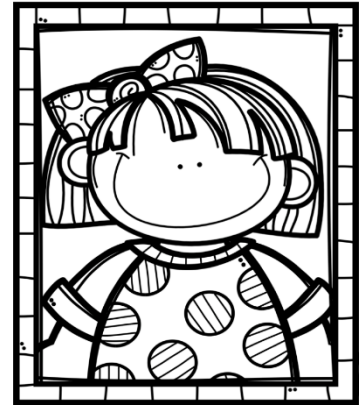
At first, Ethan was excited to learn about God, too. Caleb helped Ethan learn more about God. Ethan began to pray every day, and even went to Sunday school with Caleb.

After a couple of weeks, some other kids at school started to make fun of Ethan. He was very embarrassed and did not want to be made fun of. Ethan started to make excuses each time Caleb invited him to come to Sunday school. After a few weeks, Ethan started to forget about God.



**Meet Sophie:** Which seed does Sophie represent? -----

Every summer, Sophie spends two weeks at Christian camp. Her counselors at camp teach her all about God and how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Sophie loves going to the Christian camp. The camp helps her to feel closer to God as she spends her time praying, reading the Bible, and singing songs with her friends.

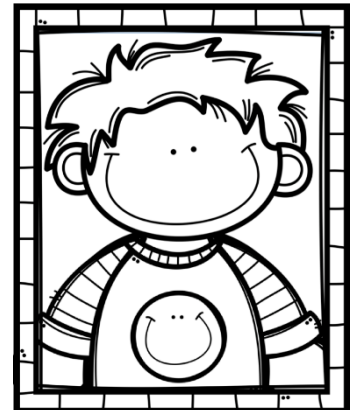


When the Christian camp ended, Sophie continued to pray and read the Bible every day. One day, Sophie's little brother was outside playing and forgot to lock the gate. When Sophie's mom let their dog out, he slipped through the open gate and ran away. Sophie and her family looked for hours, but they could not find their pet.

Sophie became angry that God would let her pet run away. She blamed God for not reminding her brother to lock the gate. She decided that if God really loved her that he would have kept her dog safely in the yard. Sophie stopped praying and reading the Bible. She did not want to think about God anymore.

**Meet Jaden:** Which seed does Jaden represent? -----

Jaden is a new student at a small Catholic school. In religion class, Jaden learns for the first time that Jesus died so that he could have his sins forgiven.



Jaden began to pray every day before bed. He asked his family to start reading the Bible with him after dinner. They would read together each night and talk about Jesus.

Jaden's family noticed how he was starting to change. He was more respectful, polite, and did as he was told. They were so proud of him when he asked the family to start going to church each week. He believed that God wanted him to help his family to learn more about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jaden loved to share the Good News of God with his family and friends at school.

Which of these children would you want to be more like? Why?

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# The Parable of the Sower

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Those who listen, read the Bible, learn the Word of God, and are faithful to the Lord, our God, are like the **good soil** helping the Kingdom of God to grow.

# Interactive Notebook

## The Parable of the Sower

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut on the dotted lines and fold each of the triangles on the solid line so that they create flaps. Glue down the middle of the square onto a sheet of paper.

Under each flap, describe what happens to each seed in the story. In the middle, write the message that Jesus was trying to give his disciples with this parable.

**Hard Soil**

**The Parable of the Sower**

**The message in this story is:**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Good Soil**

**Rocky Soil**

**Thorny Bushes**

# Word Search Puzzle

## The Parable of the Sower

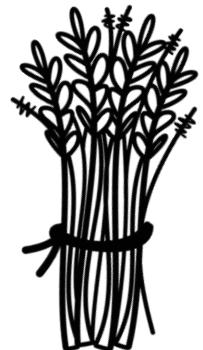
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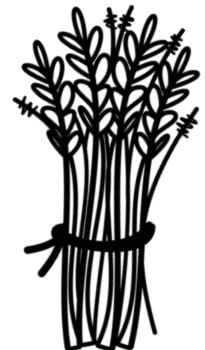
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