

February 2026 Lessons

Notes: This month we are focusing on Jesus' ministry!

Rainbow Routine	Fireweed Routine	Trees & Mountains Routine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Music time ● Circle Time: Discuss the verse and basics of the Bible (God wrote this, parts of the Bible, how to treat it) & Lesson on the story - if kids will sit long enough ● Play time ● Table time - lesson on the story (if not done earlier or repeat it again) ● Snack Time ● Coloring page/activity/play time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greet the kids ● Ask if they memorized the verse from last week, work on verse with kids who are interested ● Music time ● Bathroom ● Snack ● Movement game ● Lesson time at rug (story & memory verse) ● Craft/coloring page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greet kids / arrival activities (verse work, clipboards, free drawing) ● Music time ● Lesson on the story ● Split into groups / rotate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prayer ○ Activities/crafts ○ Lesson recap ○ Memory verse <p>*If there are not enough helpers, sometimes it is easier to do it altogether instead of splitting and rotating kids.</p>

Feb 1, 2026 - The Woman at the Well

Feb 8, 2026 - Many Fish

Feb 15, 2026 - The Story of the Sower

Feb 22, 2026 - Jesus Calms the Storm

The Story of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-23 and Mark 4:1-20

Story:

★ **Introduction & Story:**

Jesus often taught using parables. A parable is a story with a lesson.

One day Jesus was sitting by the sea. Large crowds gathered around him so he got into a boat and sat down, while the whole crowd stood on the shore.

Then he told them many things in parables. He said, "Consider the sower who went out to sow. As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it didn't have much soil, and it grew up quickly since the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it. Still other seed fell on good ground and produced fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times what was sown."

The people did not understand all that Jesus was saying. So, he explained.

The sower is the one who speaks the Word of God. The different kinds of soil shows us how different people act when they hear the Word of God.

When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and doesn't try to understand it, the evil one (Satan) comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This person forgets what was taught to them, This is the one sown along the path.

Some hear the word and immediately receive it with joy. But they don't obey the Word, and the Word cannot take root and is short-lived. When distress comes because of the word, immediately they turn away. This is the people whose soil is rocky ground.

Some hear the word but worries and cares choke out the word, and it doesn't bear fruit. This is the people whose soil is thorns.

But the one sown on the good ground — this is one who hears and understands the word. This person produces fruit and yields many times what was sown.

We want to be good soil for the seeds that are being planted. We want to listen to God's Word, work to understand it, obey Him and learn what it is that God has for us.

★ **Additional Thoughts to Share**

- Connection: Jesus did the work for salvation for us. He took our place and died for our sins and offers forgiveness/restoration to all those who believe.. However, we do have the responsibility to accept the gift of forgiveness and we must walk in that truth - we must be good soil and bear fruit as believers.
- Theological: When we believe, we need to bear fruit and we can only do that by abiding in Jesus.
- Historical: This reflects the farming practices of Jesus' time. Even though the audience did not understand the spiritual meaning of this, they would have understood the farming practices mentioned.

Follow Up:

★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed. This is a GREAT parable to have the kids memorize and practice with each other.

★ **Examine:**

- Comp Questions:
 - Why do you think Jesus taught in parables? One possible answer: Jesus was not allowing those who disregarded him and his authority to understand his messages; rather, the messages were for those who believe.
 - Do you understand this parable?
 - How can we be good soil for the Word of God to be sown in our heart?
- Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?" God gives his message to everyone. He takes care of those who accept his message.
- Ask, "What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?" We have a role - to accept forgiveness and to be good soil.

★ **Application:** Ask, "What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?" Jesus wants us to know that we have a role; he wants us to know that we should be bearing fruit and going to church is not enough to save us.

★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse Practice:

★ **Verse:** Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.-- Luke 11:28 (CSB)

Sticky Activities:

★ Activity / Coloring pages

★ Crafts:

- Mini book: cut apart, staple together, color



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★ Activities

- • Seed scattering game

Materials: Paper balls / beans / pom-poms

- Walk and “scatter seeds” into zones:
 - Path
 - Rocks
 - Thorns
 - Good soil
- • Obstacle soil path
 - Path: walk straight line
 - Rocks: step on pillows
 - Thorns: crawl under chairs
 - Soil: jump in place
- • Planting motions
 - Dig and find seeds
- • Touch: Rice and beans bin
 - Smell: Fresh soil or herbs

- Sound: Rain and birds
- Movement: Growing stretches
- • Visual: Real plant and charts

Send Home Page: See attached

Match the words with the numbers below.



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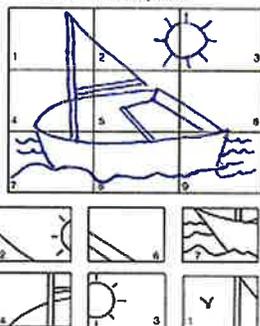
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hears the word and
understands it. That
one produces a crop
yielding a hundred
sixty or thirty times
what was sown.

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The Parable of the Sower

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Copy the rectangles onto the grid.



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Use this code to read the parable.

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A farmer went out to
sow his seed. Some
fell along the path. The
birds ate it up. Some fell
in rocky places. They had
little soil and no roots.
The sun dried up the
plants. Some fell among
thorns that choked them. Some
fell on good soil and grew.

What does this parable mean?

Write the letter that follows the one given to find the answers.

Who is the "sower"?

J E S U S
I D R T R

What are the "seeds"?

The V O F A S
of G O D
r N C

Where are the different places the seeds were planted?

I N P E O P I E
H M O D M O K O

Memory Verse:

**Blessed are those who
hear the word of God
and keep it.**

-- Luke 11:28 (CSB)

Fill in the Blanks

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Jesus explains what the parable means. When we understand the story, we can see where we fit in it.

BIBLE WORDS

parable: A story that teaches.

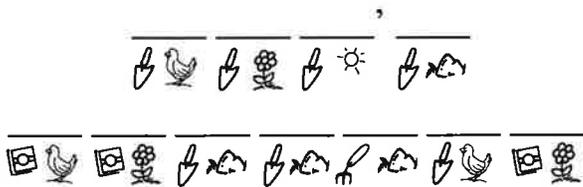
sower: A person who plants seeds.

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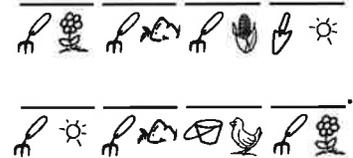
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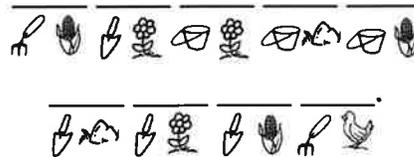
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People who don't understand the Word of God are like the



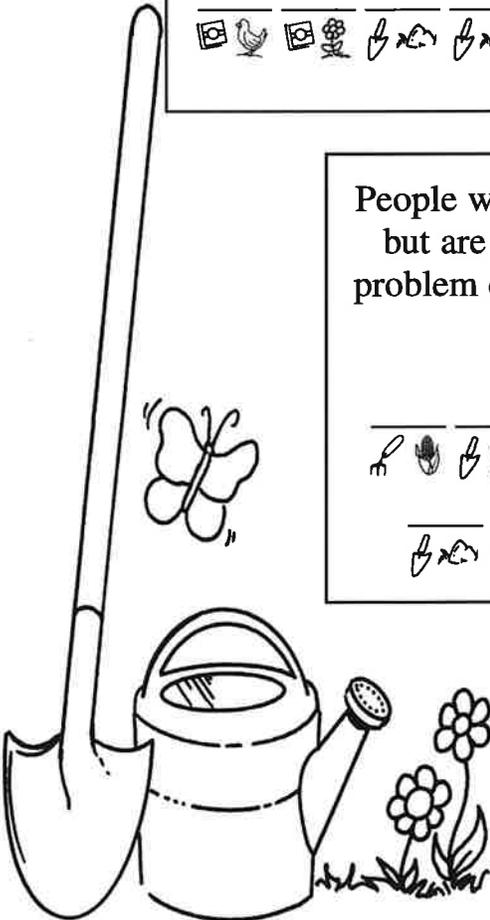
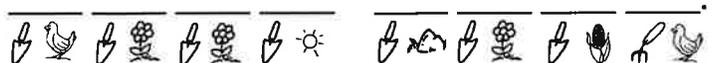
People who hear God's Word but are only happy until a problem comes along are like the



People who hear God's Word but care more about wealth and worldly things are like the seedlings in the



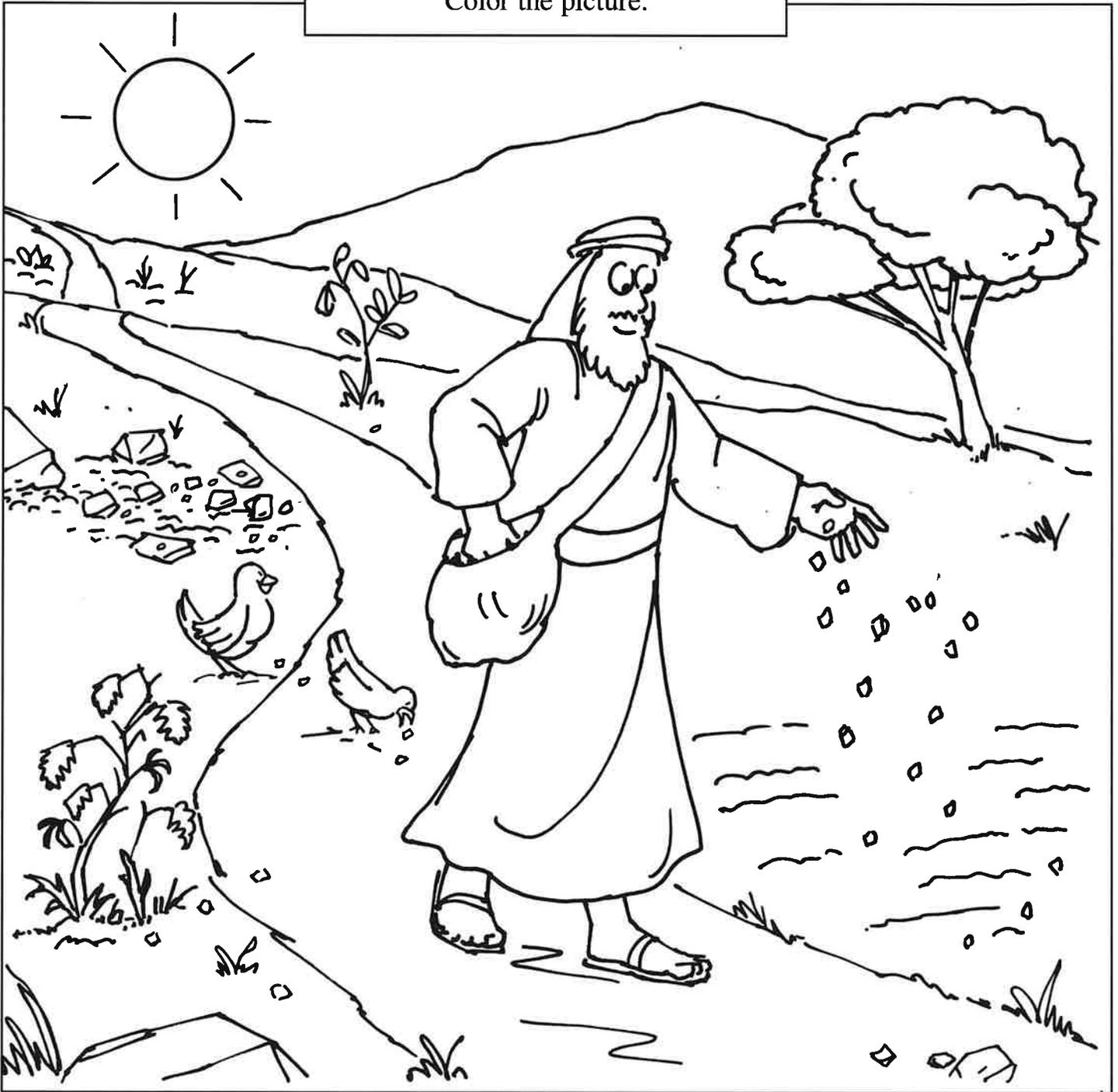
People who hear God's Word, spread it to others and keep it always are like the



Name _____

Jesus told a story about a man who planted seeds. Some grew into healthy plants, but others did not.

Color the picture.



Name _____

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

New Testament Lesson #41

In this parable, a man threw seed over a whole field. The seed grew well in some places, poorly in others. The seed, representing God's message, fell on four types of soil, representing four types of people:

1. the hardened path, where it's eaten up by birds;
2. the rocky soil, where the seedlings sprang up quickly but were scorched by the sun;
3. among the thorns, where the young plants were eventually choked;
4. into good soil, where an abundant crop grows.

Later in this chapter, Jesus explained the parable this way:

1. The birds that devour the seed are symbolic of "the Evil One" (Matthew 13:19), "Satan" (Mark 4:15), "the Devil" (Luke 8:12), snatching away the word from the person who hears but doesn't understand (the hardened path).
2. The sun that scorches the shallow-rooted plant in the rocky soil represents trouble and persecution because of a person's trying to live God's way. The shallow-rooted plant represents the person who originally receives the Word with joy but then falls away under trial.
3. The thorns are the temptations of this world, which choke out God's message so that it produces nothing.
4. The good ground represents the receptive hearts of those who hear God's Word, keep it and bring forth fruit (a life faithful to God) with patience.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- This story is also found in Mark 4:1-20 and Luke 8:1-15.
- The yield is neither the fault of the sower nor the seed, but of the land that receives it.
- Jesus did not indicate whom the sower represented. He left the interpretation open to include those in any age who continue his work in sowing seeds of the kingdom.

The Parable of the Sower

- I. A man threw seed over a field.
 - A. Birds ate the seed that fell on a hard path.
 - B. The seed that fell on rocky soil sprouted quickly but was soon scorched by the sun.
 - C. Thorns choked the seed that grew among them.
 - D. Good soil produced an excellent harvest for some of the seed.
- II. Jesus explained that the seed represents God's message and the soil represents types of people.
 - A. The birds symbolize the Evil One because they snatch away the Word.
 - B. The sun is like trouble because it ruins shallow roots. Some people's faith is shallow.
 - C. The thorns are like temptations because they choke out God's message.
 - D. The good soil is like the hearts of people who want to hear God's Word.

ANSWER KEY:

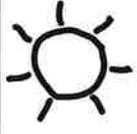
God's message
hard path
rocky soil
thorns
good soil

Jesus also said,
"Whoever has ears, let them hear."



Draw a picture of yourself listening
to God's words.
Don't forget to draw your ears.

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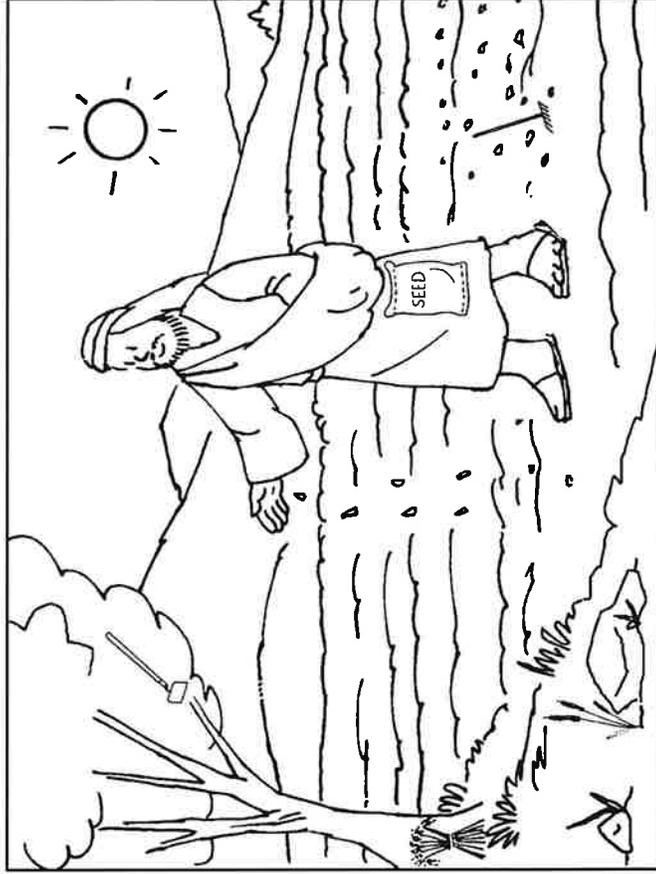
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The Parable of the Sower

A farmer spread seeds.

Find and **circle** these hidden objects in the picture.



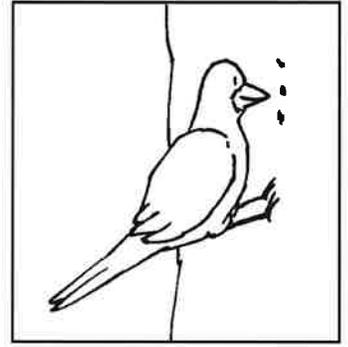
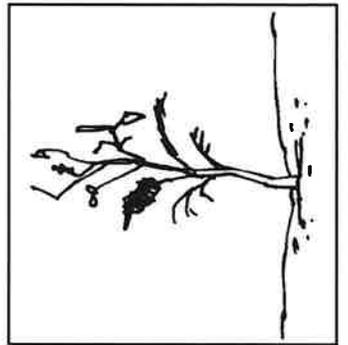
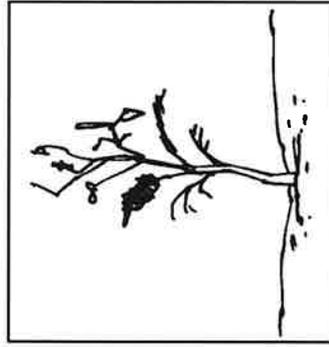
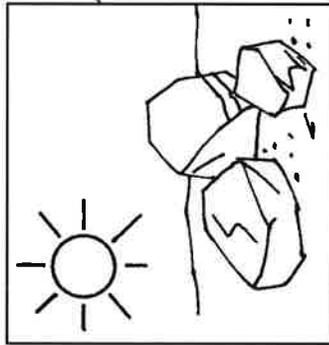
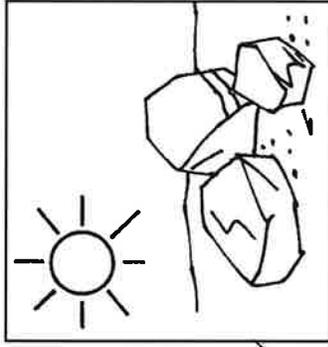
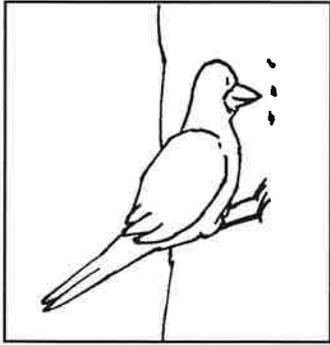
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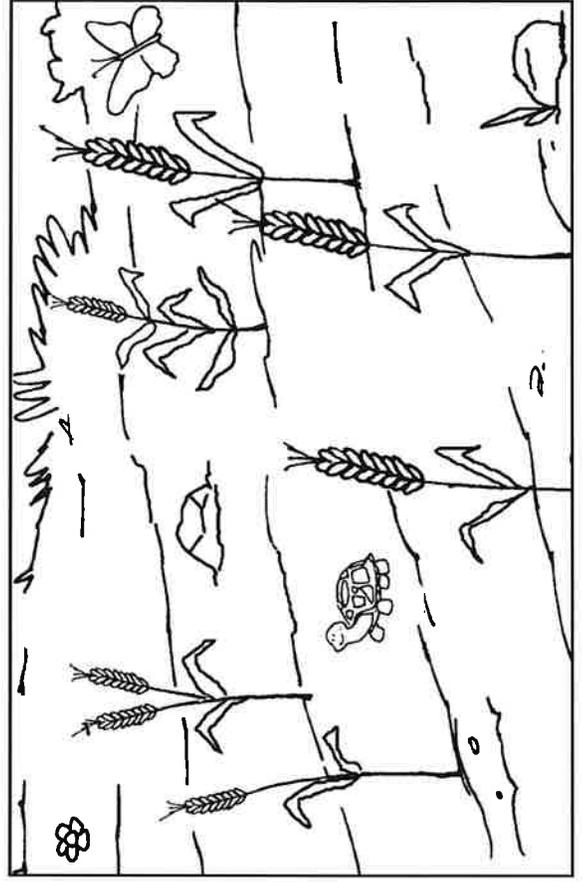
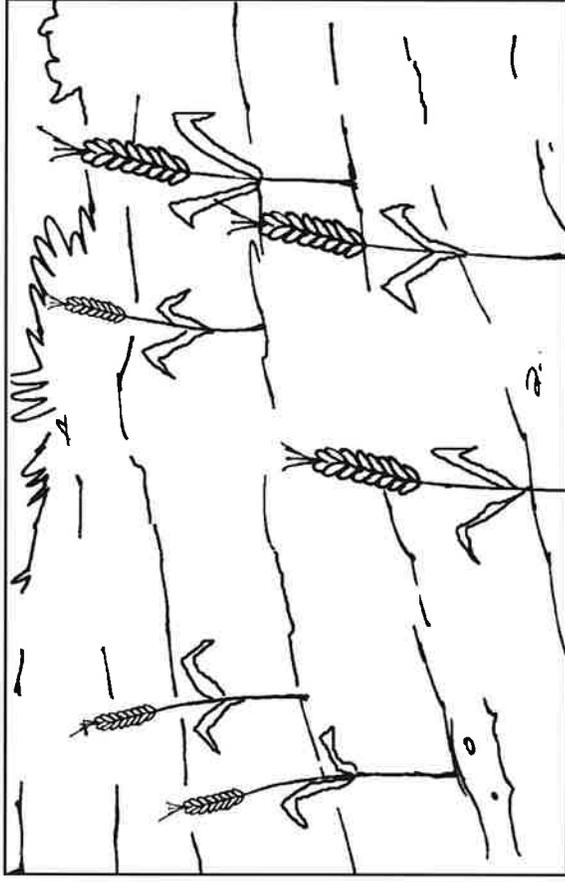
Jesus said the seed is like the message about the kingdom of God. Some seeds won't grow.

Match the pictures.



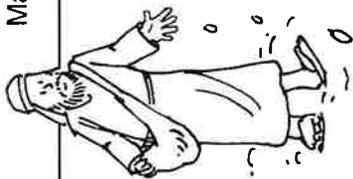
The seeds that land in fertile ground will produce a good crop.

Circle the 7 differences in the 2nd picture.





What does the parable say about the one who received the seed that fell on good soil?



Match the words with the numbers below.

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6 This
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21 times
24 thirty
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13 a
5 it
2 That
8 sown
19 the
25 sixty
1 one
3 was
17 produces
20 yielding
23 hundred
9 and
15 understands

“ 6 10 19 1 4
11 18 7 9
15 5 2
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20 22 23
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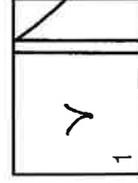
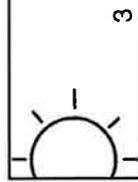
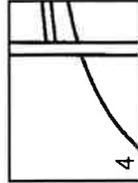
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4	5	6
7	8	9



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Use this code to read the parable.



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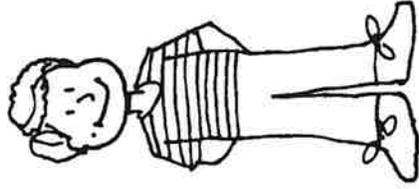
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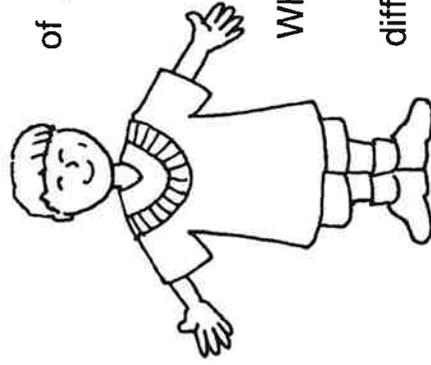


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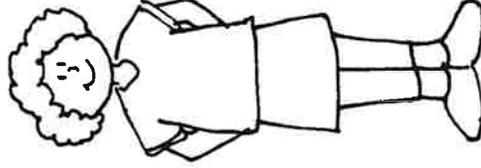


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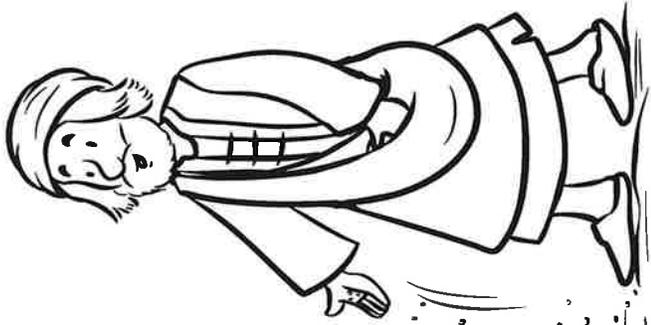


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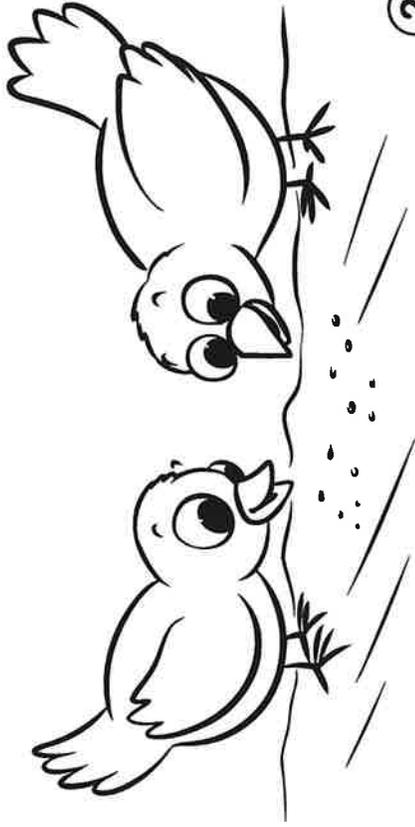
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The Farmer and the Seeds



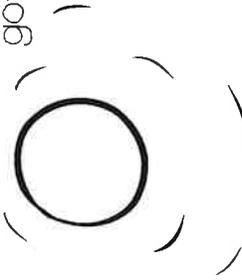
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Jesus told a story about seeds, some fell on a path and were eaten by birds.



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Some fell on rocky soil and grew a little but then no more, some fell in thorns and got tangled and died.

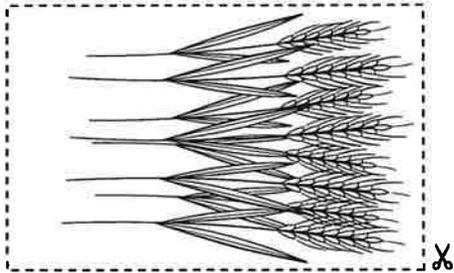
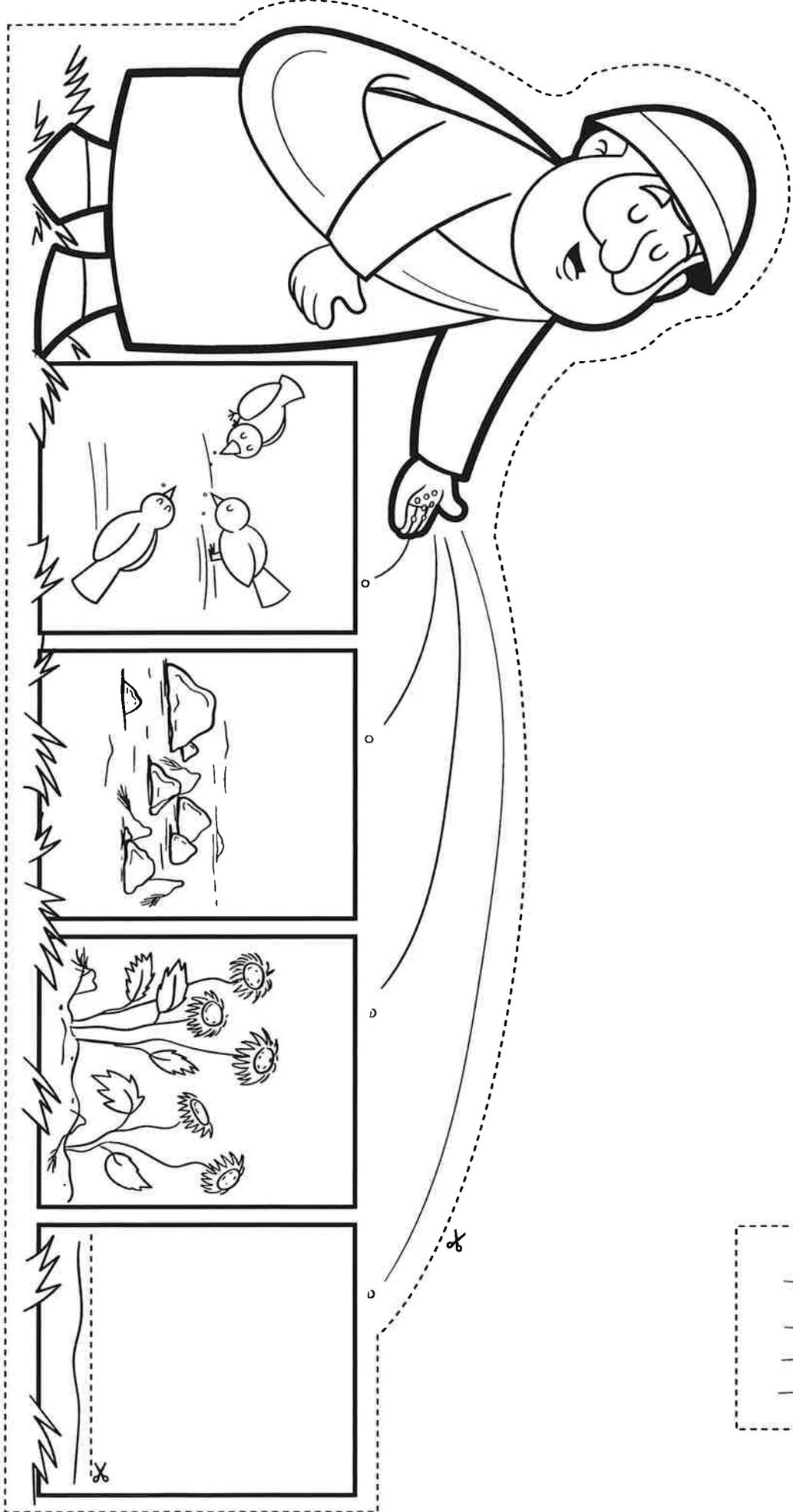


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Others fell on good soil and grew more, just like people who hear the truth, believe in God and tell others!



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Mark 4:1-20

Jesus Tells the Parable of the Sower

Parable of the Sower

Mark 4:1-20

One day, Jesus told a crowd this story: “A farmer went out to his field to plant some seeds. The farmer tossed seeds onto the ground. Some seeds fell along the path. The birds ate these seeds.

“Other seeds fell on rocky ground. The plants grew for a little while. But there wasn’t enough water, and the plants soon died. Other seeds fell near thorny weeds. The weeds grew faster and stronger than the plants. The plants couldn’t grow! These plants died too.”

Finally Jesus said that some of the seed fell on good soil. Those seeds grew and became a huge, good crop. Jesus’ friends wondered, “What does this story mean?”

Jesus said, “The seeds are like God’s Word. People who hear God’s Word but never believe

it are like the path where birds ate the seeds. Some people are glad to hear the Word of God. They believe it, but later it’s too hard to do what God wants. They stop believing God’s Word. They are like the rocky soil.”

One of the friends asked, “What kind of people are like the soil with the thorny weeds?”

Jesus said, “Some people hear and believe God’s Word. They begin to grow, but then their worries keep them from growing. Soon they forget about God’s Word.

“The good soil is like people who hear and believe God’s Word. They are glad to always love and obey God.”

Jesus told this story to teach His helpers to obey God’s Word.