

Understanding the Kingdom

Matthew 13:1-23



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

In today's Bible story, what happens to the farmer's seed which falls onto good soil?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Matthew 13:1-9

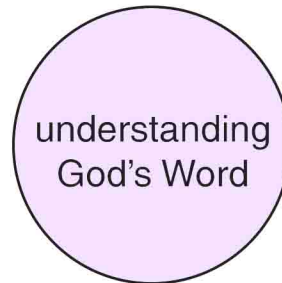
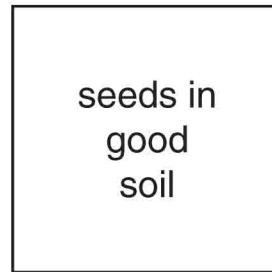
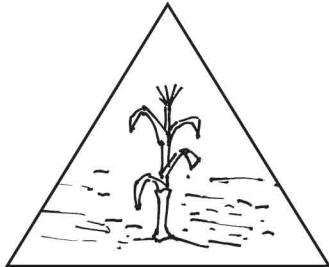
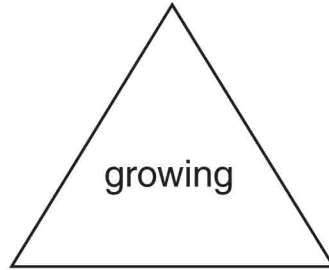
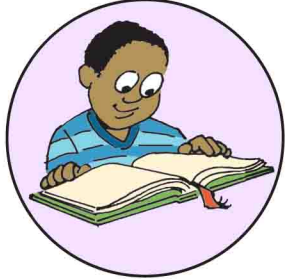
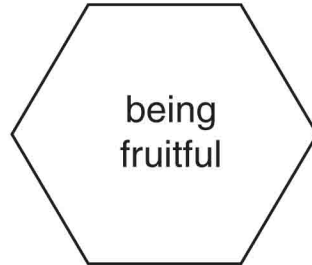
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That **same** day **Jesus went** out of the **house** and sat by the **lake**. Such **large crowds gathered around** him that he got into a **boat** and sat in it, while all the **people** stood on the **shore**. Then he told them **many** things in **parables, saying**: "A **farmer went** out to sow his **seed**. As he was **scattering** the **seed, some fell** along the **path**, and the **birds came** and ate it up. **Some fell** on rocky places, where it did not have much **soil**. It sprang up quickly, **because** the **soil** was shallow. But when the sun **came up**, the **plants** were scorched, and they withered **because** they had no root. **Other seed fell** among thorns, which grew up and choked the **plants**. Still **other seed fell** on good **soil**, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

Some seed fell on good soil. It grew well. That's like people who hear God's Word and obey.

Match the shapes.



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The Parable of the Sower

Jesus told a parable. The people listened.

Circle the people's ears and count how many.
Trace the correct number.

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Find part of the parable.

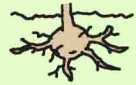
Use the picture code to fill in the blanks.



seed



joy



root




rocky




people

“ ... the  _____


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who hear with  _____

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Some seed fell among thorns.
It started to grow, but weeds choked it.

Circle the picture that is different.

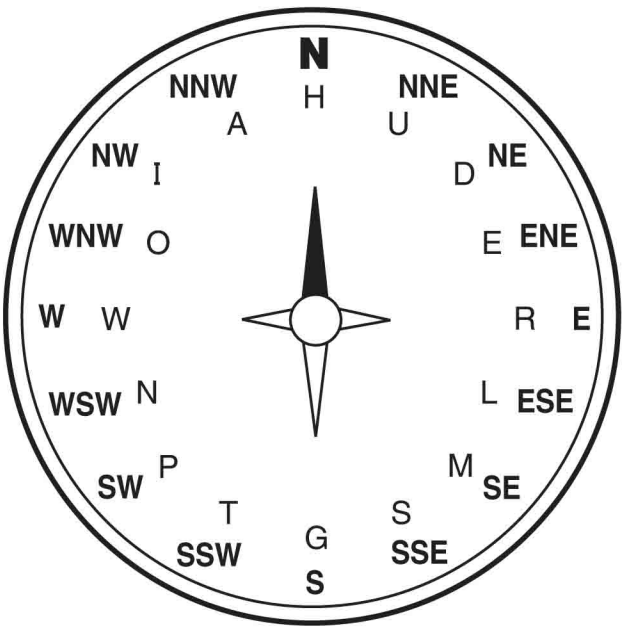




Then Jesus explained to the crowd what this parable meant. Find out who the "good soil" is!



Use this compass code to fill in the blanks.



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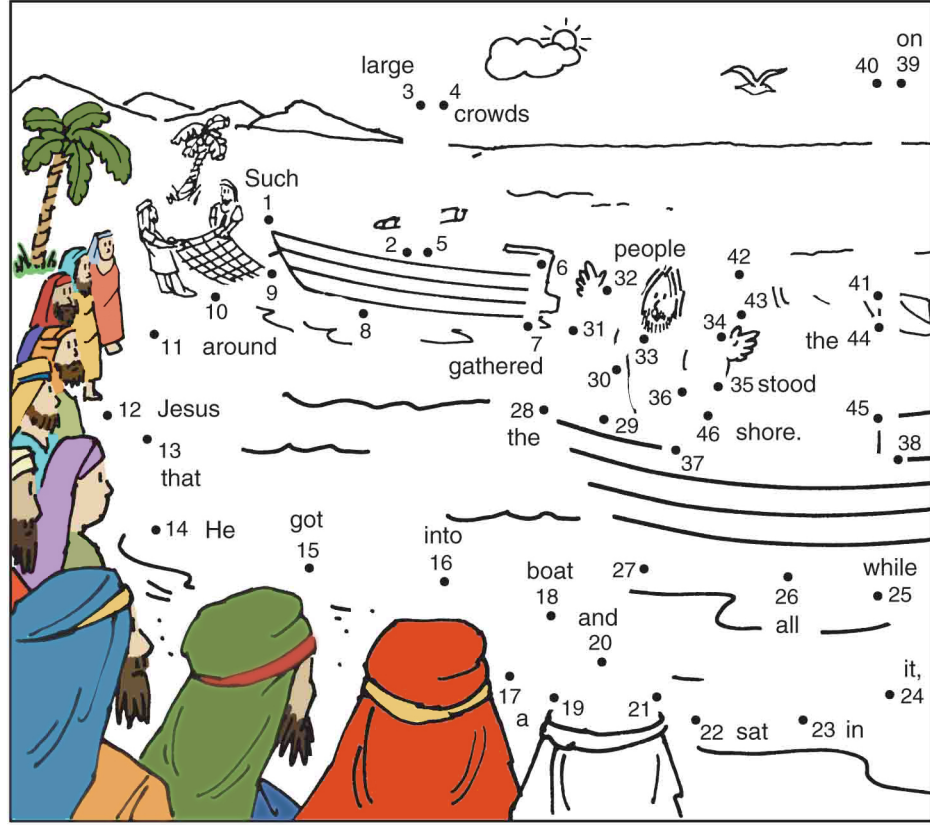
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The Parable of the Sower

Jesus sat by a lake. Many people gathered around Him. What did Jesus do?

Connect the dots and read the words along the way.



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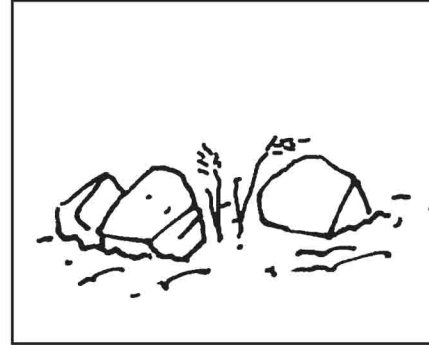


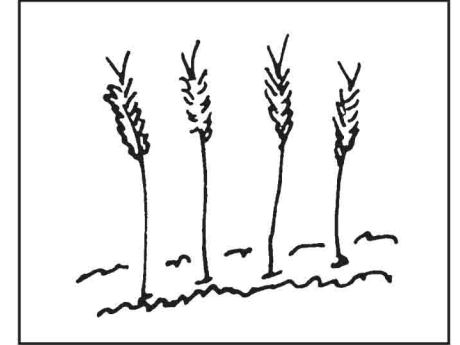
Jesus told the crowd a parable.

Fill in the blanks below with words from the box. Then match the description with the correct picture.

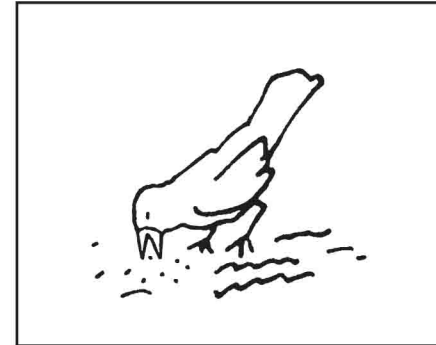
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sow	fell	path	soil	other	farmer	sprang	produced	scattering
sun	good	root	among	rocky	places	thorns	scorched	

1. "A _____ went out to _____ his _____ . As he was _____ the seed, some _____ along the _____ , and the _____ came and _____ it up.



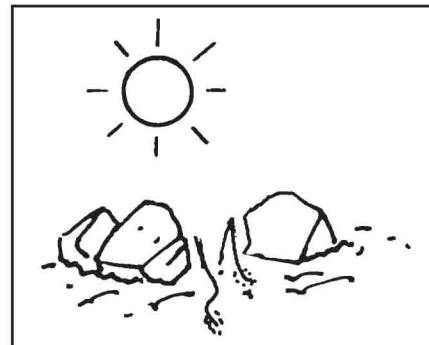


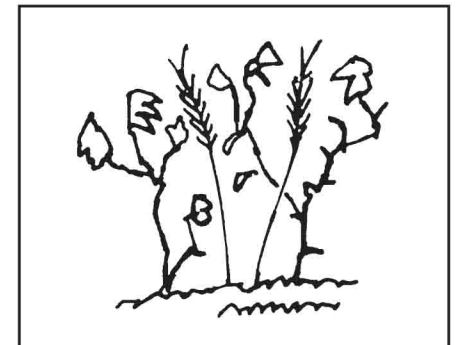
2. Some fell on _____ , where it did not have much _____. It _____ up _____



3. But when the _____ came up, the _____ were _____ , and they _____ because they had no _____ .

4. Other seed fell _____ , which _____ up and _____ the plants.





5. Still _____ seed fell on _____ soil, where it _____ a _____ ."