

The Sower

*Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you.
Lay out the brown felt underlay.*

Jesus told us sacred stories called **parables**.
Sacred means that something is extra special.
Jesus was extra special.

The stories Jesus told were messages about how to love God and love each other.
Let us wonder how this parable helps us love. (pause)

Place the pieces to match the diagram. (see insert)

Rocks



Thorns



Field



Jesus told this story while in a boat talking to people who wanted to hear about God's love.

*Place the sower/farmer on the right of the brown felt.
Throw some imaginary seeds on this part of the brown felt.*



God's love is something that grows. There are some places where it is hard to grow love, but God still tries. God throws the seeds of love everywhere.

*Place sower to the next area (rocks) of the brown felt.
Throw some imaginary seeds on the rocks.*

Some of the seeds fall on rocks and roads. The rocks and roads do not have soil.

Have the birds come and eat the imaginary seeds.

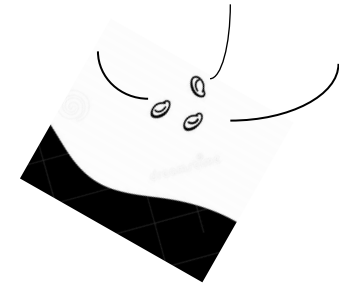
The seed is eaten by the birds and the roots are not strong and dry up.



*Move the sower to the thorn/weed area.
Throw some imaginary seeds on the thorns/weeds.*

Some of the seeds fall in the weeds. Weeds do not like other plants besides weeds.

*Move the sower to the field.
Throw some imaginary seeds on the field.*



Some of the seeds fall on good dirt and grow really big and strong.

Draw big and strong plants.

The seeds from those plants create more plants.

Place the bags of seeds on the felt over the good dirt.

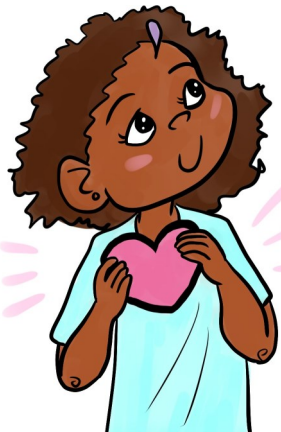


Wondering with God's Story

I wonder...

- ... how seeds grow?
- ... how the birds feel?
- ... why seeds do not grow in rocks? Weeds?
- ... why seeds grow in good soil?
- ... how the sower/farmer feels?
- ... how this parable helps us love?

Working with God's Story



1. Have each person retell the story without reading the words.
Just use items.
 2. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.
 3. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?
- Check the "Weekly Faith FITNESS Plan" card.

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Come close to this story/parable of Jesus.

Matthew 13:23

(Common English Version)

The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and understand the message. They produce as much as a hundred or sixty or thirty times what was planted.

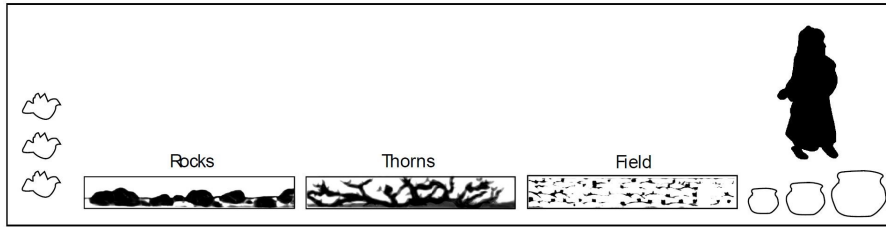


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Diagram



Working with the Story (Parable)

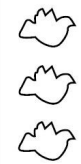
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3. Place the sower on the felt starting on your far left.
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5. Then place the rock land next to the birds.
6. Followed by the weeds.
7. Then we have the good soil. When sharing about the good soil place the bags of harvest besides the good soil.



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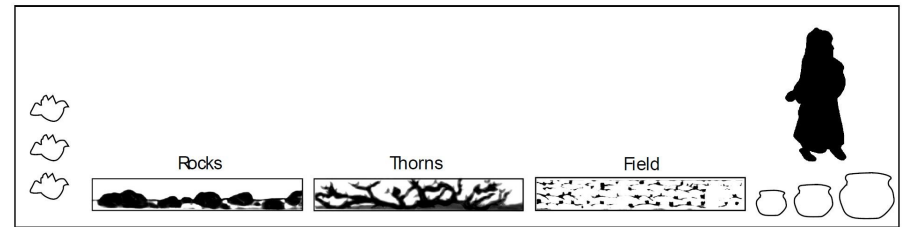
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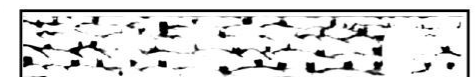
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