

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Matthew 13:1-23



BEHOLD, A SOWER
WENT FORTH
TO SOW,



The Story

Jesus wanted to tell the people about different ways some people lose their faith. He wanted people to be careful so that they wouldn't lose their faith too. Jesus knew that this was hard for them to understand so he told them a story or parable that would make it easy for them to understand. The parable went like this:

One day there was a farmer who went out and was planting his field by throwing seeds on the ground. Some of the seeds that he threw landed on the hard path and birds came down and ate those seeds.

Some of the seeds landed on ground with lots of rocks. Those seeds grew at first but because there wasn't much dirt they dried up and died when the sun came out.

Some of the seeds landed in thorns and when these plants started to grow the thorns choked them and they died.

Some of the seeds landed on good ground and when they

grew they made many more seeds.

Jesus' disciples didn't know what Jesus meant when He told the story so He told them its meaning. When somebody hears the Word of God and doesn't understand it then the devil will take them. This is what Jesus meant by the seeds that fell on the road.

When somebody hears the Word of God but loses it again when he has troubles or people make fun of him for believing, then this person is like the seeds that fell in the rocky dirt.

When somebody hears the Word of God and believes it for a while but then falls away because they want to have things in the world like money or to be famous, this person is like the seeds that were choked by the thorns.

When somebody hears the Word of God and believes it, these people are like the seeds that fell on good ground.

Jesus told a parable that describes the enemies working against the Word of God.

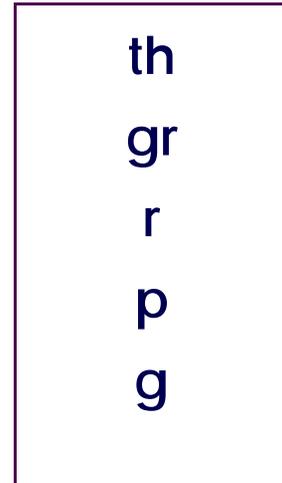
Activity One - Write in the missing letters of the places the seed fell. The correct letters are in the box.

1. ___ath

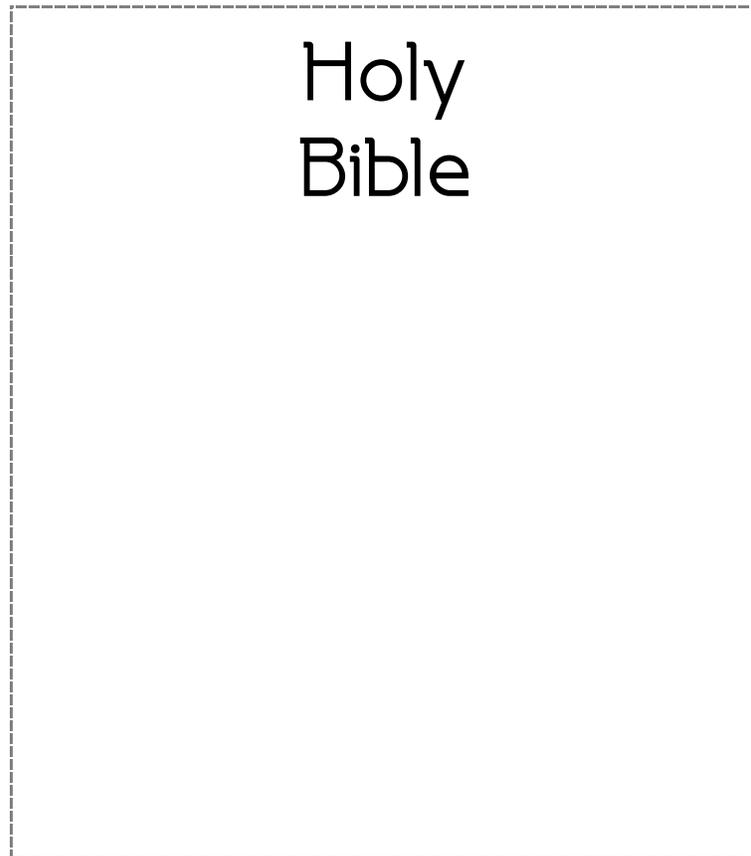
2. ___ocks

3. ___ ___orns

4. ___ood ___ ___ound



Activity Two - Connect the dashed lines to see where we find God's Word. Draw a cross on the Bible also.



Jesus has taken away my sins and reveals Himself through the Holy Scriptures.

Passage

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hymn - TLH #49 v. 1, 2

Almighty God, Thy Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

We ask You for a strong faith which grows in a heart filled with Your love like the seed that fell on good ground. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive our sins and for sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word. Please help us spread the Word of forgiveness to others. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.