

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Luke 8:4-15



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Message	We should listen to God's word and apply it to our lives.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The word of God is like a seed that a farmer sows in the ground.■ Our heart, like soil before a seed is sown, should be prepared to receive the word of God.
Bible Text	Luke 8:4–15

The Sower



Many people had gathered around Jesus. He used this opportunity to tell them a parable.

Jesus said to them, "A sower went out into the field to sow the seed. As he scattered the seed, some fell along the footpath. The birds came and ate it all up.

Some of the seeds fell on the rocky ground, which was only covered by a thin layer of soil.

The stalks quickly grew high, but they were unable to put down any roots. And when the sun came up, they withered and died.

Some seeds fell among the thistles. The thistles grew fast and did not give the young stalks room to grow.

And some seeds fell on good soil. They took root, grew, and produced lots of fruit. If you have ears then hear."

Later on, the disciples asked Jesus what this story meant, and He explained it to them. "The seed is the word of God. Some people hear the word, but Satan comes and immediately takes away the seed that was sown in their hearts.

Those are the seeds that fall along the footpath. When the seed falls on rocky ground, a person hears the word of God and joyfully accepts it, but it strikes no root in his or her heart. As soon as someone speaks against this word or they find themselves being tested, the person does not believe God's word anymore. The thistles represent the person who hears the word, but for whom worldly cares and wealth choke it, and it proves unfruitful.

But with some people, the word of God falls on good soil. That means, they hear the word of God, accept it in their hearts, and it brings forth fruit."

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Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children visualise the parable. Instruct them before.

Provide the four types of the field: footpath, rocky ground, thistles, good soil.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- How can we understand the parable today?
- What is the seed? (The word of God)
- What is meant by the hard pathway?
(We have a hard heart. We hear, however, God's goodness disappears before it can take root.)
- What is meant by the rocky ground? (We believe for a short time but fall away in temptation.)
- What is meant by the thistles?
(We are filled up with cares, riches, and pleasures of life. There is no room for the good.)
- What is meant by good soil?
(We hear the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.)

Have the children repeat...

- The word of God is like a seed that a farmer sows in the ground.
- Our heart should be prepared to receive the word of God.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- What can we do to have a noble and good heart?
(Listen to God's word in the divine services. Listen attentively in Sunday school. Listen to our leaders. Keep it in our mind. Repeat it with our parents. Pray sincerely etc.)

Repeat the Message

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