

The Parable of the Sower: Matthew 13: 1-9 and 18-23

Jesus often told his followers stories or parables to help them understand His teaching. One day, Jesus described God as being like a farmer who sowed some seeds. The seeds landed in different types of soil. These seeds were like God's words and teaching being sowed in people's hearts and growing in their lives.

- **Some of the seeds were scattered by the road. The birds came, ate all the seeds and they didn't grow.** Jesus said this was like people who hear God's teaching but who don't understand it. It never reaches their hearts.
- **Some of the seeds fell on rocky ground where the soil wasn't deep. The seeds grew quickly into plants but the shallow soil stopped them growing deep roots. When the hot sun came out, they withered and died.** Jesus said this was like people who hear God's teaching and listen to it for a short time but do not let it go deep into their hearts and lives. They quickly forget the teaching when their life becomes difficult.
- **Some of the seeds fell amongst thorny weeds which choked the plants and stopped them from growing.** Jesus said this was like when people hear God's but they let their worries, problems and love of things and money stop the teaching from growing in their lives.
- **But some of the seeds fell on good ground. They grew into good plants and made lots and lots of grain!** Jesus said this was like a person who hears God's teaching and understands it. It is not choked out by other things. They let it take root in their hearts and then it can grow in their lives.

SONGS TO ENJOY



Hey, Seed Sower: <https://tinyurl.com/y7tdmzfo>

Let All That I Am: <https://tinyurl.com/yd79cegp>

Give It Away: <https://tinyurl.com/y9a29yp8>

A Verse To Remember:

Colossians 2: 6-7

'So then, just as you received Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him...'

A WAY TO PRAY... MR MEN & LITTLE MISS PRAYERS



It's amazing that we can speak to God about the things that are on our hearts. You can tell Him anything but the Mr Men can help you to think of what you might like to talk to God about:



Mr Happy: Say thank you to God for something that makes you happy.



Mr Worry: Tell God what is worrying you and ask Him to give you rest.



Little Miss Naughty: Say sorry to God for the things you have done wrong and ask Him to help you make good choices.



Mr Greedy: Talk to God about when you haven't shared or when you have only thought of yourself. Ask Him to help you think of others.



Mr Bump: Ask God to be with someone who is poorly. Pray for doctors, nurses and anyone who cares for other people.

See the Scripture

- Parable of the Farmer and the Seeds Saddleback Kids: <https://tinyurl.com/yycq9nxo>
- Parable of the Sower: <https://tinyurl.com/y9hq5zun>



A Prayer

Father, thank you for planting your words in our hearts. Let our hearts be like good soil ready for your teaching to take root. Help us to grow to be more like you.

Amen

I WONDER?

I wonder how you might be like the good soil?



FARMER AND THE SEEDS TRAY...

Have a go at making your own scene to show the different types of soil in the parable and have a go at retelling the story. You could use an old baking tray, plastic tub lid or cardboard box. Think about how you might create the four different types of soil. You could use playdoh, cardboard and pebbles; real soil, rocks and sand; or perhaps you could be creative and have a go at making it out of chocolate cake! Think about what you could use as the seeds which represent God's word and teaching; chocolate chips, raisins or you could even sow some real seeds!



DIRT CUPS...

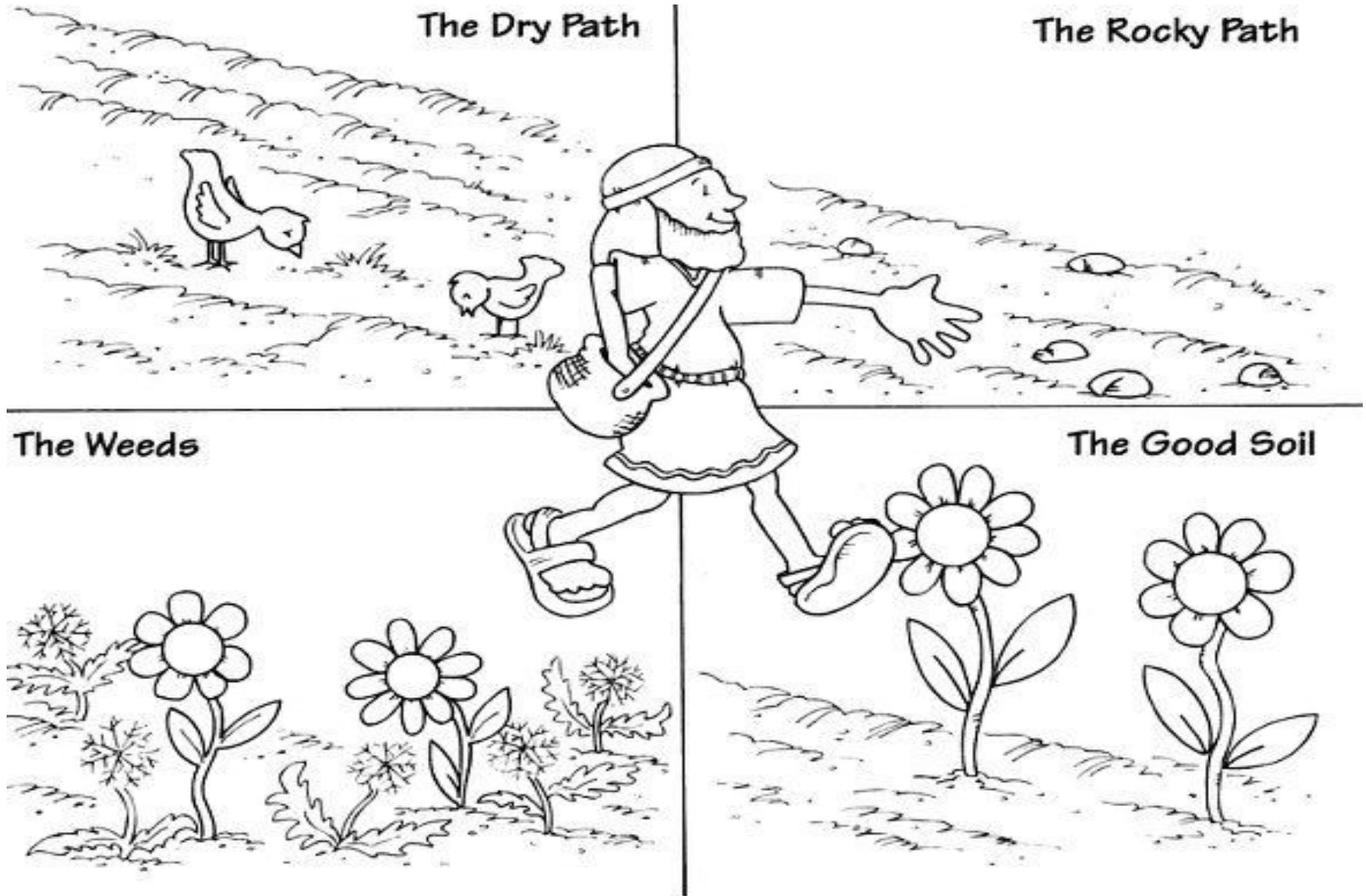
What kind of soil are you? God plants his word in our heart and wants it to grow. We want to be good soil where we can listen to Jesus and let his teaching grow deep roots in our lives. We want to understand His words. We want to be free from worries and troubles that might choke out Jesus' teaching like weeds and stop it from growing. We know we can ask Jesus to help us to become good soil and we can help each other too.

Have a go at making dirt cups to remind you of what it means to be good soil ready to hear God's word and let it grow in us.

You will need: 1 packet of Angel Delight chocolate mousse; milk; some Oreo cookies or bourbon biscuits; clear cups. Jelly worms, chocolate chips and a sprig of mint are optional



1. Make up the Angel Delight chocolate mouse by adding the milk according to the instructions and then whisking.
2. Crush your biscuits in a bowl or by sealing in a bag and bashing with a rolling pin.
3. Layer the mousse and the biscuits in the clear cups so that they look like layers of dirt. Finish with a layer of biscuits and chill for a couple of hours before eating.
4. You could add jelly worms on the top, chocolate chips to be the seeds or even a sprig of mint to represent the plants.



The Dry Path

The Rocky Path

The Weeds

The Good Soil

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Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



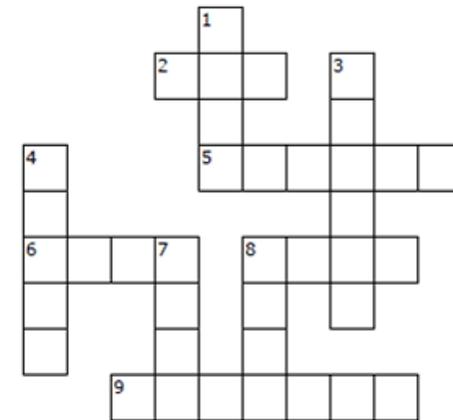
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PLANTS	SCORCH	FARMER	THORNS	CROP
WITHER	BIRDS	ROOT	CHOKES	SOIL
FELL	PARABLE	SCATTER	SEED	GREW
ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH

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ACROSS

- To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
- Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
- Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
- A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
- Not deep

DOWN

- The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
- A person who owns or takes care of a farm
- Covered with stones
- A way made by or for people walking on the ground
- The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

PATH	CROP	SOIL	THORNS	ROOT
SHALLOW	FARMER	SEED	SOW	ROCKY