

Enrichment: Scripture

The Parable of the Sower

Jesus uses the parable of the sower to teach us how we should receive God's Word.

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. (Matthew 13:3–9)

What do you think the seeds represent in this parable?

- The seeds represent the words and teachings of God. Jesus teaches us the importance of how we receive His Word. Jesus spreads His Word everywhere, but if we do not open our hearts to receive it, we cannot bear good fruit.

In Jesus' parable, the different places where the seeds fall represent different ways we can receive God's Word.

- The seeds that fall on the path and are eaten immediately by the birds represent hearing God's Word but not trying to understand it better. When this happens, we eventually lose it in our hearts.
 - ***What are some things we can do when we are having trouble understanding God's Word?***
- Our souls are like rocky soil when we listen to the Word of God with joy but do not let it take root within us. The seed springs up immediately but then withers away when trials and persecution come our way.
 - ***Can you think of a time when you heard God's Word and then forgot about it later?***
- The thorns are the worries of the world and the desire for worldly riches, which can choke out our faith if we give in to them.
 - ***Can you think of a time when you have allowed worries or desires for things to choke out your faith?***



Journal Reflection

Write a prayer asking God to help you receive His Word in your heart so that you can live it out and bear good fruit. Write this prayer on the journal page. [Journal pages are available on the parent and student portals.](#)