

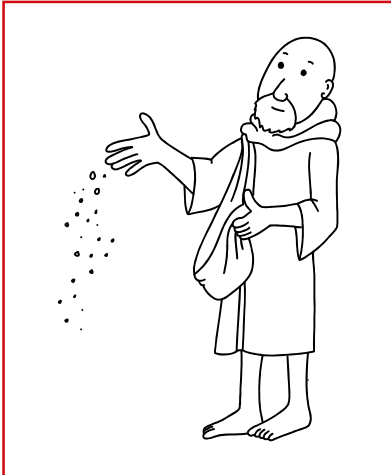
STORY 4: The Sower



READ:
Mark 4: 1-20



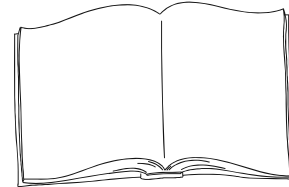
KEY VERSE:
Mark 4: 20
Ask someone to help you find this verse.



Jesus was sitting in a boat on the lake speaking to the people on the shore. He told them another parable.

He told the people that when a farmer scatters seed on the ground, the seed falls on four different types of ground.

Later on, Jesus told His disciples what the parable meant.



The seed is the Word of God.

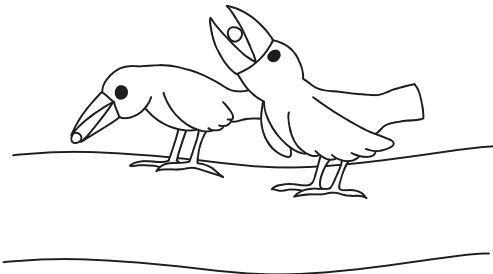
This includes the words that Jesus spoke and all the other words we read in the Bible.

Q: The different types of soil are like different types of people.

1) Some seed falls on the path and the birds swoop down and eat it.

This means some people hear the Word of God, but Satan comes like a bird and snatches it away (Satan is another name for the devil).

Draw the seeds on the path.



Draw the sun.



2) Some seed falls on rocky ground and begins to grow. Because there isn't much soil, the plants can't make roots. They soon die because the sun scorches them as they have no water.

This means some people say they will follow Jesus, but when trouble comes, they give up. It is plain that they are not Christians.

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3) Some seed falls among thorns. The thorns choke the plants and so they die.

This means some people think more of the things they own than they do of Jesus.

Draw the thorns.



Draw some more of the harvest.



4) Some seed falls upon good soil and produces a good harvest.

This means some people receive the Word of God and they become strong Christians, whose lives please God.

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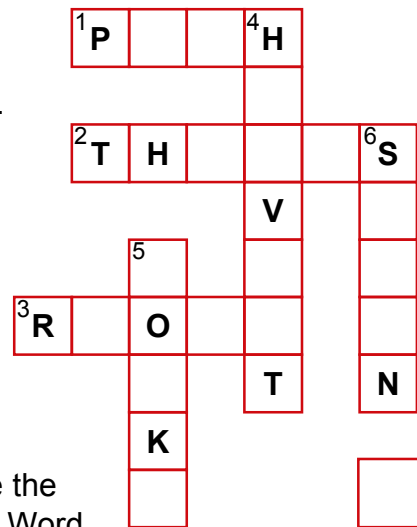
Q: Crossword

Clues Across

- The seed didn't enter the ground at all here.
- These choked the seed.
- Plants in the rocky ground had no _____.

Clues Down

- This is produced in good ground.
- This sort of ground is where the seed had no roots.
- He snatches the seed away.



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This story teaches that God wants us to be like the good soil, and follow what He says to us in His Word, the Bible.

Q: Colour only the boxes with X in them. The letters that are left will show you what the seed is a picture of, in the parable.

X	W	X	O	X	R	X	D	X
X	X	X	O	X	F	X	X	X
X	X	G	X	O	X	D	X	X

Write your answer below.

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