

# The Parable of the Sower

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

This week's theme is **PARABLE**. Jesus told a story called a parable about a sower who spread seeds on different types of land and soil. He wanted to help people understand that God's word is abundant and for everyone.

## What Do You Hear?

People listened to parables to understand more about God. Play a game to practice listening. Choose a person to start by saying, "Jesus." The next person repeats that word, then adds one of their own, like "Jesus, parable." Continue adding words until someone makes a mistake. Then start over.

## In Your Own Words

Divide a shoebox lid into four sections. Use craft supplies—such as a strip of paper for a smooth path and chenille stems in play dough for thorny bushes—to create the four places where the sower planted seeds. Use your lid to retell the parable.

## Watch Them Grow

Have each family member fill the bottom of a resealable quart bag with wet cotton balls. Add four lima bean seeds, seal the bags, and tape them in different windows. Record the number of days until sprouts appear in each bag. Plant the sprouts in plastic cups.

## I Spy a Parable

Go online and search for videos of parables for kids. Choose some to watch together and talk about what you can learn about God from them. Why do you think Jesus told so many parables?

## Feed the Birds

The seeds that landed on the smooth path were eaten by birds. Find a recipe for birdseed cakes and make a batch. Cut a hole in an empty half-gallon, paper milk carton, add some cakes, and hang it in a tree.

## Spread the Love

Investigate how your church spreads God's abundant love by supporting local mission partners, using social media, or maintaining a website. Trifold a piece of paper, make a brochure, and give it to a new church member or visitor.

## Blooming Faith

Paint a clay pot in bright colors with poster paint and fill it with a flowering plant. Give the plant to a person who has helped the roots of your faith to become strong and grow. Include a note to thank them for helping your faith bloom.

This week our family is praying for ...

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# Plant God's Love

