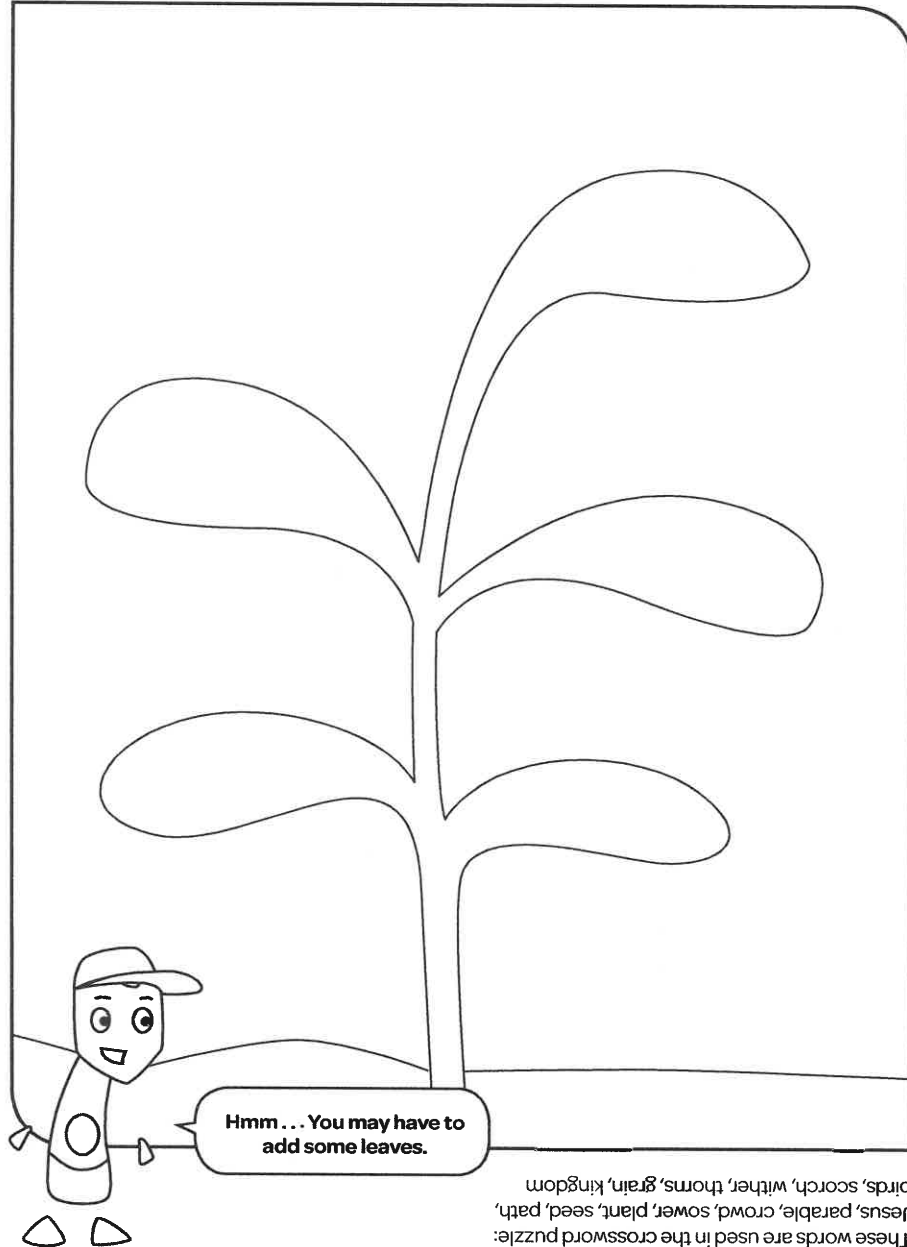


The seeds in today's parable represent God's word.

Listen for God's word to be spoken, sung, or prayed in today's service. When you hear it, jot each thought down on one of the leaves of the sprout below.



These words are used in the crossword puzzle:
Jesus, parable, crowd, sower, plant, seed, path,
birds, scorch, wither, thorns, grain, kingdom

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The Parable of the Sower

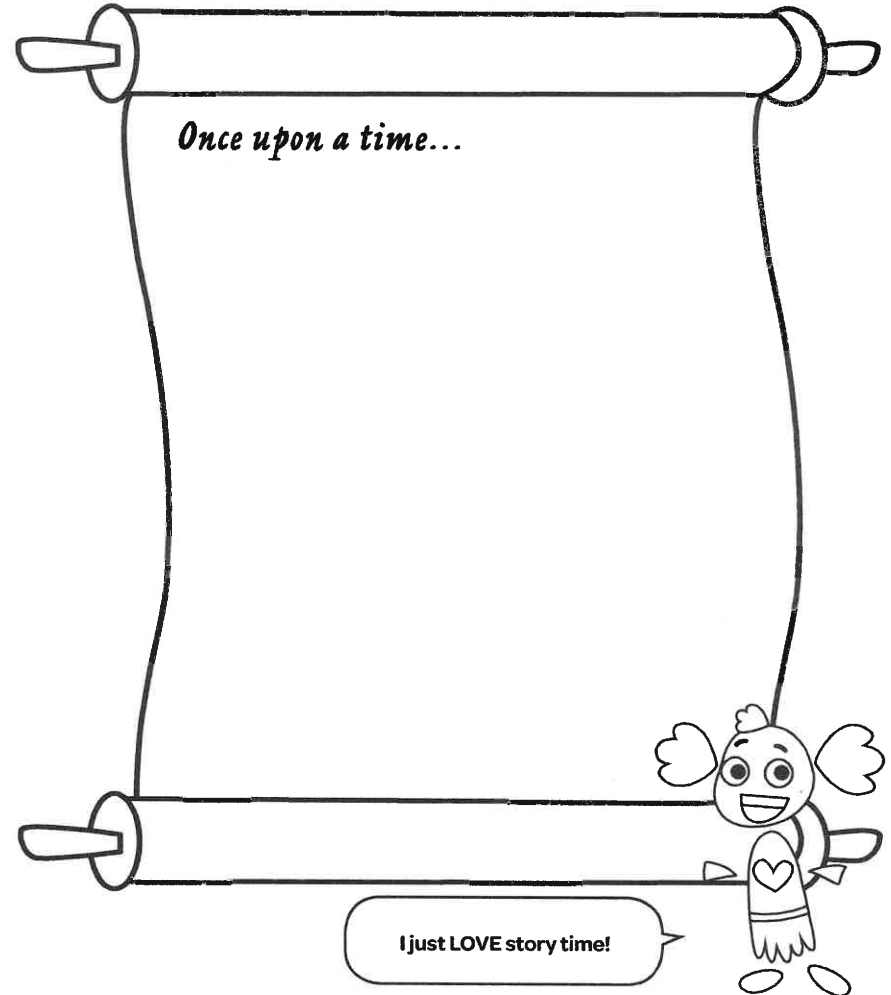


Reader

TODAY'S THEME IS PARABLE.

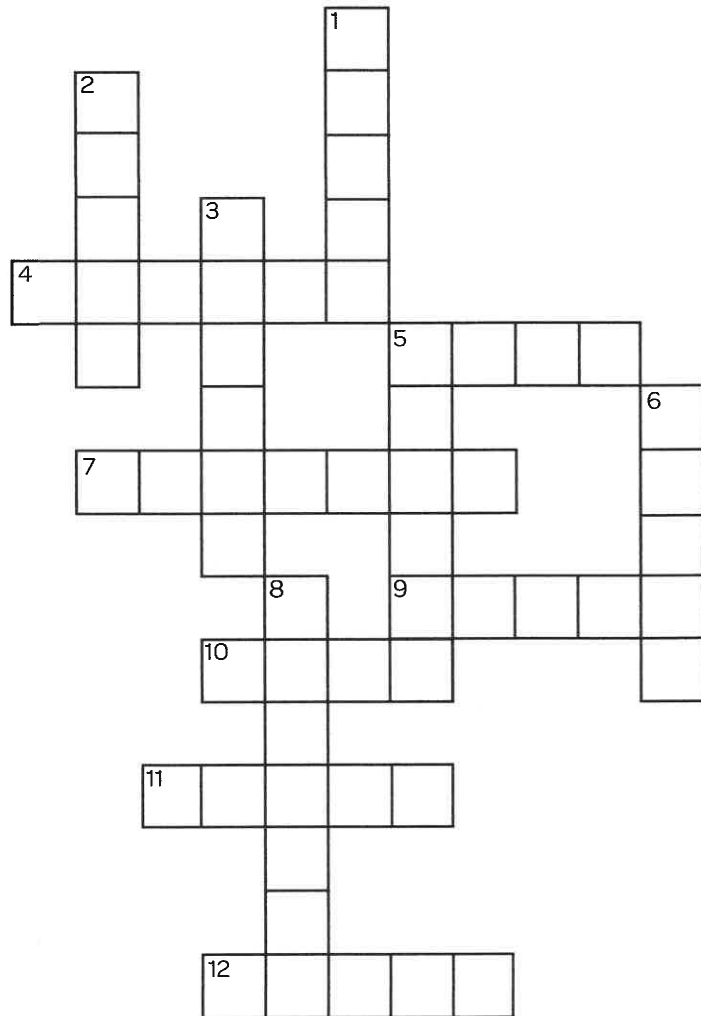


When Jesus told a parable like the one about the sower, it was to help people learn an important lesson about God. In the space below, write a short story that teaches a lesson about God.



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Using the clues below, complete the crossword puzzle with words from today's story. Try doing it without a word list. But if you need a peek, look at the bottom of the back page.



Across:

- 4. to dry up and shrivel
- 5. the small beginning of a plant that is put into the ground
- 7. a place ruled by a king
- 9. the gathering of a large group of people
- 10. a small walkway
- 11. to put seeds into the ground for growth
- 12. he sat in a boat and talked to the crowds

Down:

- 1. the one who sows (or plants) the seed
- 2. seeds of a plant that are used to make food
- 3. sharp projections on the stems of plants
- 5. to burn due to heat
- 6. feathered animal with wings and a beak
- 8. a kind of Bible story that teaches a lesson



Today our church family prays for ...