

KIDVENTURE AT HOME

May 24th The Parable of the Sower



Main Point

Jesus is planting. His Word in our Hearts!
We need to make our hearts a place of
"good soil."

Bible Passage

Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, and Luke 8:4-15

From Pastor Stacy

Reading the Parable of the Sower this time, had me again sit and ponder the condition of my heart. Is my heart ready to accept His words for me, His love for me, His forgiveness for me?

This is a great opportunity to be interactive with our kids. I am encouraging you to plant something this week.

Often in Kidventure we would send home beans in cotton and bags, so your kids could watch them grow! You can do something as simple as that, or plant a flower, or even a vegetable.

Object lessons are powerful ways to teach our kids. Enjoy these moments with your family.

Have a great week Hillsidefamily!

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Bible Passage

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable:

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, 'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

** For Older Kids - Have them read this passage in the other gospels (see the first page for references). Are there anything they notice that is different or the same?

Remind them that all the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) tell the same story, but in different ways from a different point of view.

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Talking Points & Questions

Use these conversation starters for your family.

Retell the story in your own words.

Can you remember each type of soil?

What does each type of soil represent?
(Good Soil, The Path, Rocky Ground,
Weeds)

What does the seed represent? (The Word
of God)

How do we make our hearts like the good
soil?

Are there any times that are hard for you
to have good soil?

What can we do this week as a family, to
make our home a house of prayer &
worship (Holy Ground) and help our family
have hearts of good soil?

What are things you can do this week, by
yourself, to have a heart of good soil?

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Activities

Video Resources & Coloring:

Log on to Facebook, and look for the Bible Story cartoon and Willy Fast Bible Story Videos.

You can also find several great videos on Youtube. Search: "Saddleback kids: The Parable of the Sower"

Check out the coloring sheet on the HCCNAPA App or our facebook page!



Craft:

Use Cupcake liners to make a fun paper flower boquet. You can also make real cupcakes to look like flowers and deliver them to a friend! You can even draw a flower and fill it in with leaves or beans instead of coloring.



Outdoor Fun:

Plant something outside with your family! Or even make a bean sprout in your window! Post a picture and tag us on instagram @hcckidventure or post it in our facebook group (Hillside Kidventure online) and you can win a prize!

