



## Family Worship Guide: Lesson 33

### The Parables – Part 1

## Main Idea

Jesus told parables to reveal important truths about the kingdom of God, especially about how people respond to His Word.

## Scripture Readings

- ✠ *Matthew 13:1–9 - The Parable of the Sower*
- ✠ *Matthew 13:10–17 - Why Jesus Speaks in Parables*
- ✠ *Matthew 13:18–23 - The Explanation of the Sower*
- ✠ *Mark 4:21–25 - A Lamp Under a Basket*
- ✠ *Mark 4:33–34 - The Purpose of Parables*

## Lesson Review

**Q** What happens to the seed that falls on the path? (Matthew 13:4, 19)

**A** *The birds devour it, and Jesus says it represents someone who hears the Word but does not understand it, and the evil one snatches it away.*

**Q** What happens to the seed on rocky ground? (Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21)

**A** *It springs up quickly but has no root and withers when trouble or persecution comes.*

**Q** What happens to the seed among thorns? (Matthew 13:7, 22)

**A** *The thorns choke it, representing the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches that choke the Word.*



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**Q** What happens to the seed on good soil? (Matthew 13:8, 23)

**A** *It produces a crop, showing the person who hears, understands, and bears fruit.*

**Q** Why did Jesus speak in parables? (Matthew 13:11-13; Mark 4:33-34)

**A** *To reveal the truth of the kingdom to His disciples while concealing it from those who are hard-hearted, so that only those given understanding would truly receive it.*

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**Q** 63 - What is required in the fourth commandment?

**A** *The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as He hath appointed in His Word, expressly, one whole day in seven to be a holy Sabbath to Himself (Exo 20:8-11; Deu 5:12-14).*

**Q** 64 - Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

**A** *Before the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath (Exo 20:8-11; Deu 5:12-14); and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the [The Lord's Day] (Psa 118:24; Mat 28:1; Mar 2:27-28; Joh 20:19-20, 26; Rev 1:10; Mar 16:2; Luk 24:1, 30-36; Joh 20:1; Act 1:3; 2:1-2; 20:7; 1Co 16:1-2)."*

## Family Devotion Questions

**Q** What is a parable?

**A** *A parable is a simple story that Jesus used to teach deeper spiritual truths about God's kingdom.*



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**Q Why did Jesus use parables?**

**A** *Jesus used parables to reveal truth to those who believe and to hide it from those with hard hearts, showing that understanding comes only from God.*

**Q What is the parable of the Sower about?**

**A** *It teaches that people respond differently to God's Word depending on the condition of their hearts.*

**Q What does it mean to bear fruit?**

**A** *It means to truly believe God's Word so that your life changes—showing obedience, repentance, and growing love for God.*

**Q How can you bear fruit for the kingdom of God?**

**A** *By hearing God's Word with faith, trusting in Christ, and relying on the Holy Spirit to change your heart so that you obey and grow.*

## Prayer

*Lord Jesus, You are the One who speaks the Word of life. We confess that our hearts are often hard, shallow, or distracted. Please give us new hearts—good soil that receives Your Word with faith. Help us to believe the gospel, to trust in You, and to bear fruit for Your kingdom. Open our eyes to understand, and give us ears to hear. Make us people who not only hear Your Word but truly obey it.*

*Amen.*