

Parable of the Sower

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1.

In this parable, Jesus represents the sower, the seeds represent His messages, and the ground represents our hearts and how we react to His messages.

4.

The seeds that land among the weeds are easily overtaken by them when they try to grow and soon die. This represents people who hear and are touched by God's messages, but aren't sure. They are more impressed by wealth and success rather than God.



2.

The seeds that land on the path are eaten by the birds. This represents people who pay no attention to God and reject His word.

3.

The seeds that land on rocky ground grow at first, but soon die because they cannot take root. This represents people who listen to God but are easily swayed away from Him.



5.

The seeds that land on good ground can take root and thrive. This represents people who embrace God's messages and remain faithful and serve Him in good and bad times. They shall find true salvation.

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We can see that we will be rewarded if we follow God's messages. We will not find salvation automatically, but only if we show God that we truly want it by our actions.



The Parable of the Sower

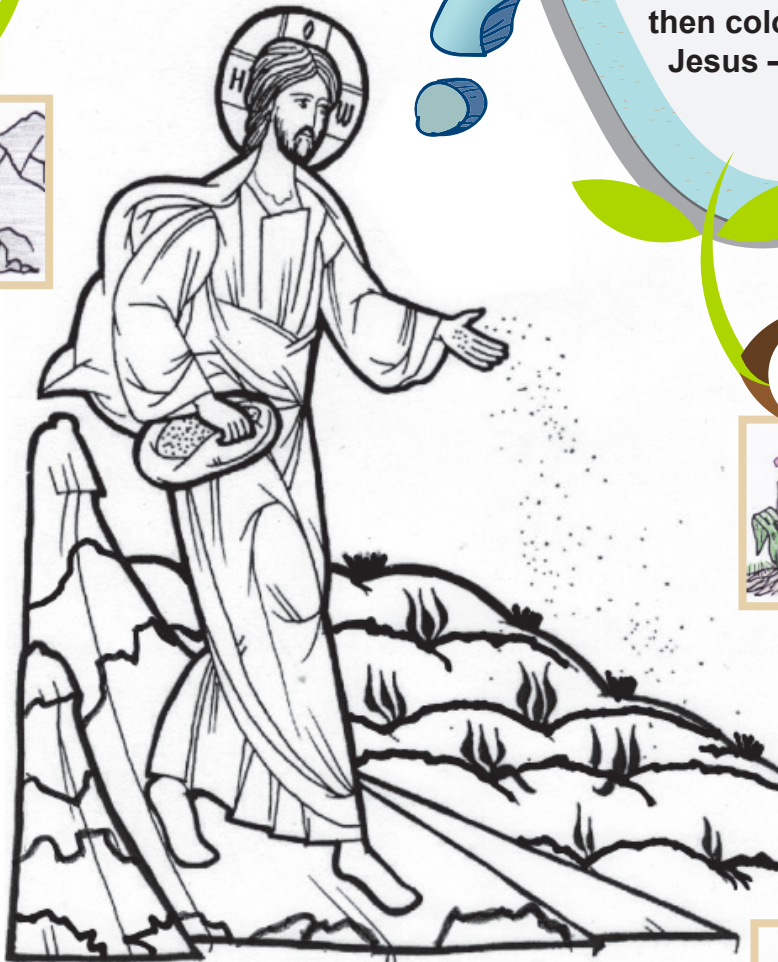
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Put the drawings
in the correct order,
then color the icon of
Jesus – the Sower.



PRAYER

*Lord, to You I have fled.
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For You are the source of life,
And in Your light we shall see light.
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{Teacher's Edition}

Lesson Objective: To have children become familiar with the Parable of the Sower. Also, to understand that the only way towards salvation is to follow God's path.

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Highlights:

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Activity: Have children put the drawings in the correct order, then color in the drawing of Jesus – the Sower.

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