

Pre-Lent Week 1 — Septuagesima

Scripture (NKJV): Matthew 20:1–16

LESSON SUMMARY:

Jesus teaches that God’s grace is a gift. In the parable of the vineyard workers, everyone receives the same pay, even though some worked longer than others. This shows us that God is generous and keeps His promises. We are called to be thankful instead of comparing ourselves to others.

MEMORY VERSE:

Grades 3–5: “So the last will be first.” — Matthew 20:16a

Grades 6–8: “So the last will be first, and the first last.” — Matthew 20:16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What did the workers do in the vineyard?
2. Why were some workers upset?
3. What does this story teach us about God?



Pre-Lent Week 2 — Sexagesima

Scripture (NKJV): Luke 8:4–15

LESSON SUMMARY:

Jesus tells a story about seeds falling on different kinds of soil. The seed represents God’s Word, and the soil represents our hearts. When our hearts are ready and open, God’s Word can grow and produce fruit in our lives.

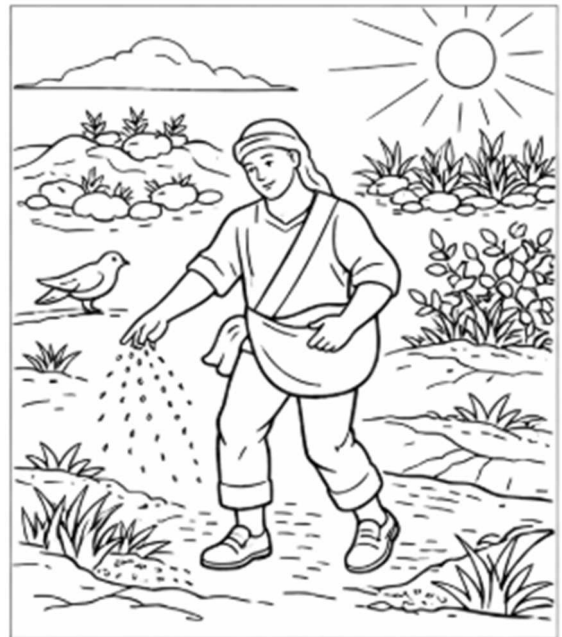
MEMORY VERSE:

Grades 3–5: “The seed is the word of God.” — Luke 8:11

Grades 6–8: Luke 8:15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does the seed stand for in the story?
2. Which soil helps the seed grow best?
3. How can we be good soil for God’s Word?



Pre-Lent Week 3 — Quinquagesima

Scripture (NKJV): Luke 18:31–43

LESSON SUMMARY:

A blind man calls out to Jesus for help. Even when others try to stop him, he keeps asking. Jesus hears him, heals him, and the man follows Jesus with joy. This story teaches us to pray with faith and not give up.

MEMORY VERSE:

Grades 3–5: “Receive your sight.” — Luke 18:42a

Grades 6–8: Luke 18:42

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What did the blind man ask Jesus to do?
2. Why did the crowd tell him to be quiet?
3. What can we learn about prayer from this story?

