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Cycle A - XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55, 10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8, 18-23; Matthew 13, 1-23 o 1-9

The Parable of the Sower

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Reflection:

What is a parable? A story that uses symbolism or comparisons to teach a lesson. Jesus loved to use them to help people understand. **Jesus teaches us with the story of the sower who plants in 4 different types of grounds. Who does the sower represent?** God, through his Word, or through another person inviting... **What does the seed represent?** God's invitation to follow Him. **What do the grounds represent?** Our hearts, fertile or hardened to God's invitation. **What happens on the path?** The ground is hard and the seed cannot enter so the birds eat it. In the same way, when our heart is hardened because we think we do not need God, we ignore His invitation. **What happens on**



the rocky ground? The many rocks and little soil cause the growth to dry up with the sun. The rocks in our heart are sins like laziness, pride...At first, we are enthusiastic, but when things get difficult, we prefer to seek our pleasures rather than following God. **What happens on the thorny ground?** The strong thorns suffocate the growing plants. The thorns are our bad attitudes or sins like selfishness, laziness, anger, that suffocate the desire to follow Jesus. **The rich soil represents a heart that changes bad attitudes and follows Jesus, a heart that recognizes that Jesus gives us life and wants to share it, giving fruit for God's Kingdom.**

Activity:

On the following page, cut the strip at the bottom and the 2 green lines on the field. Insert the top of the strip into the bottom slit from back to front then from front to back. Talk about each scenario as you pull the strip upward. Talk about how it relates to our lives. Or color the parable on the next page or make the craft on the last page following the instructions and talking about how we can give fruit for Jesus.

Prayer

Oh, Good Jesus, enter my heart and make it fertile so I may give much fruit for your Kingdom. I love you very much. Amen.

Song: I Wanna Bear Fruit, CJ and Friends, <https://youtu.be/xdKj8pntC2Q> (3-8 yrs.)

Every Move I Make, CJ and Friends, <https://youtu.be/MPvnZILn6EY> (9+ yrs.)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ECy_I6_7n6pdhlyvUCkxkl0olyViZVka/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



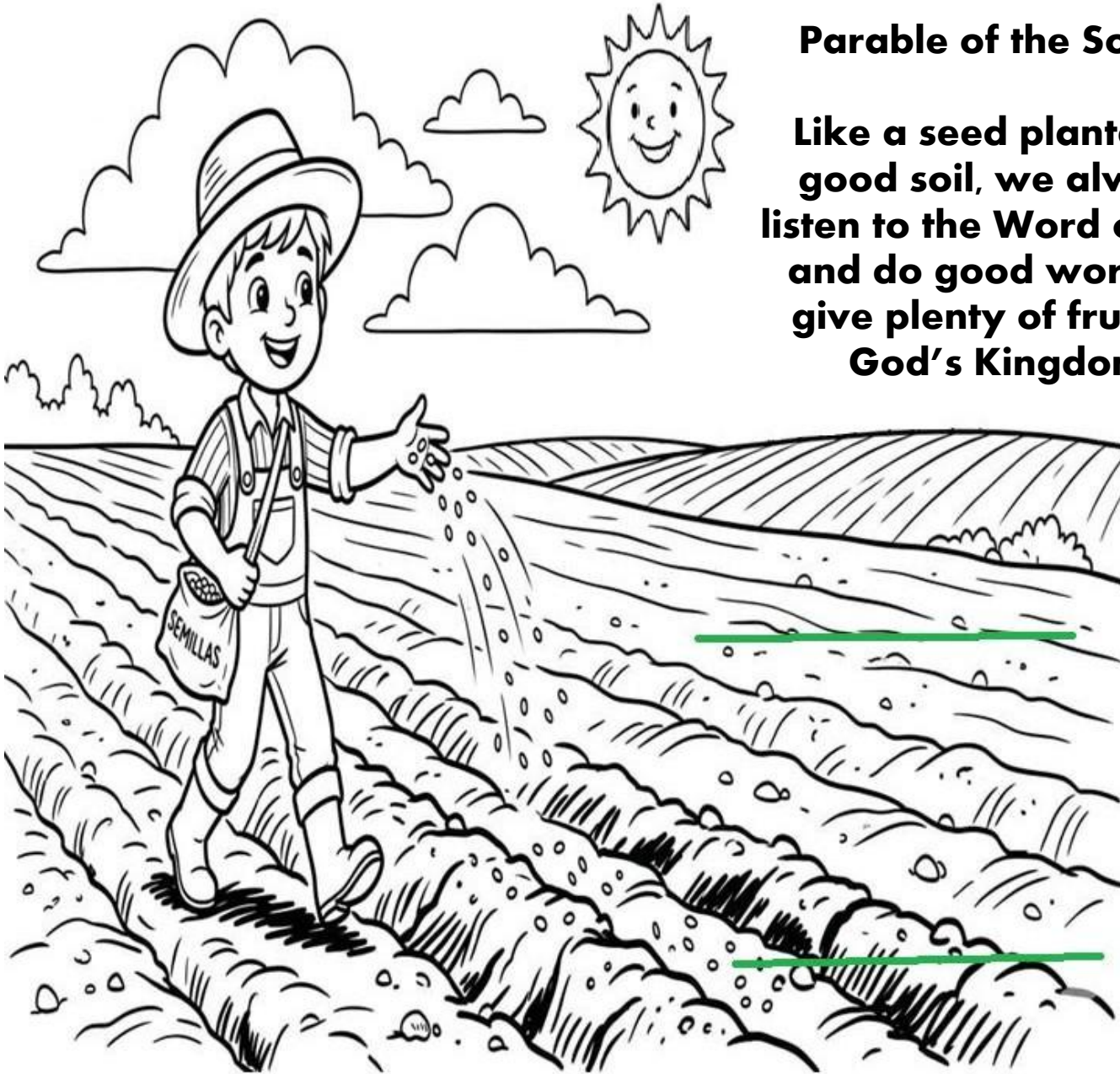
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Parable of the Sower

Like a seed planted in good soil, we always listen to the Word of God and do good works to give plenty of fruit for God's Kingdom.



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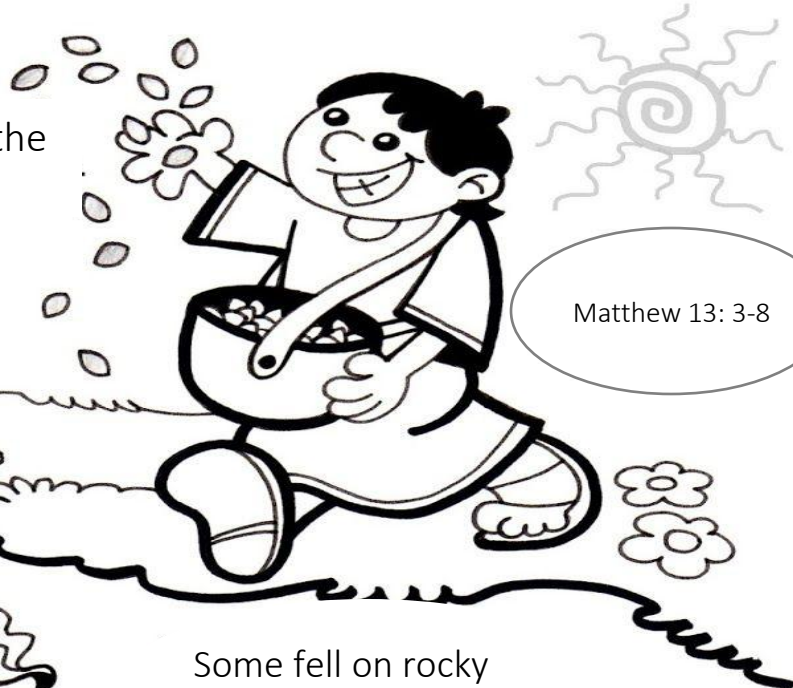


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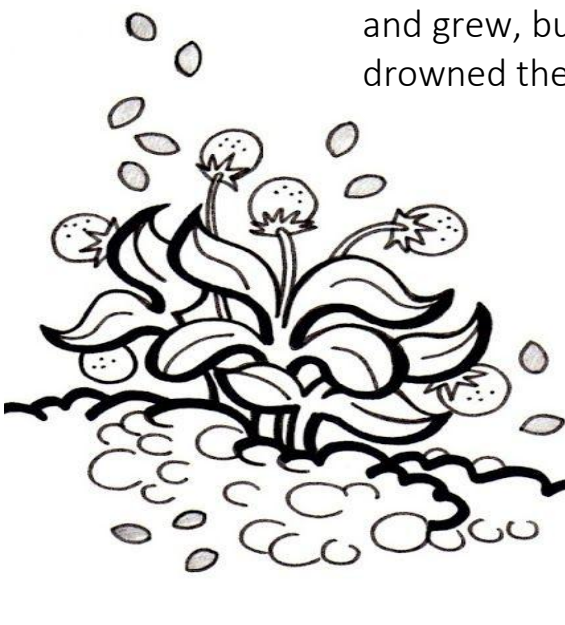
Matthew 13: 3-8

Some fell on rocky
ground, but dried for
lack of roots.

Other seeds fell upon thorns
and grew, but the thorns
drowned them.



Others fell on GOOD SOIL AND PRODUCED,
some 100, some 60, and some 30, per each
one.





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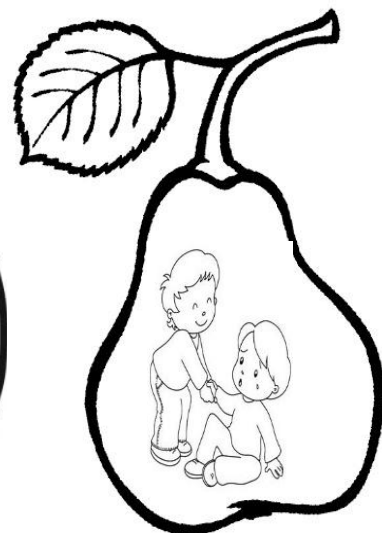
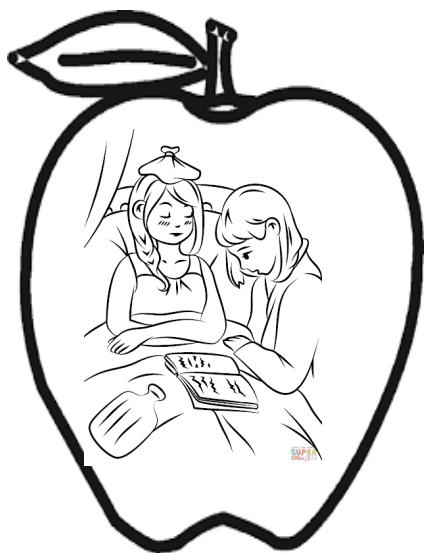


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Instructions: Cut a tree trunk out of brown construction paper, or a shopping bag. Cut the fruit, Jesus, and the sign; color and glue to the trunk. Talk about how to give fruit for Jesus.



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