

Farmer & the Seed

WELCOME

Today we are learning about my favorite parable. Today's story is about a farmer and the seeds that he planted. This is my favorite time of the year. I love to garden and plant flowers. I enjoy planting the seeds and looking at them each day to see if they have sprouted out of the ground. It's really fun to be able to grow vegetables and then enjoy eating them. I love watching the flowers bloom in the spring. Everything looks so new and fresh. But, I hate it when I plant some seeds and they don't grow.

(Show dirt and other garden supplies)

When I plant a garden, I will till the soil. That means that I loosen the dirt and get rid of any rocks or sticks. I usually add some type of soil booster like manure. That sounds icky but it really does help the dirt to help the seeds. It takes several steps and you have to be intentional in how you plant if you really want to get the most out of your seeds. Most plants need sunshine, good soil and water to help them grow. It would be silly for me to plant some seeds in the dark and expect them to grow into a healthy plant.

So, let's **READ STORY FROM** the **Jesus Calling Bible Storybook**.

Just like the farmer in our story, **Jesus wants our hearts to be like good soil, ready to obey God's Word**. We have to pay attention to our hearts and make sure they don't get dry and hard like the soil that wasn't good for the seeds that the farmer planted.

MEMORY VERSE – Let's work on our new memory verse.

Even though we are not in class together, you can still do many of the things that we usually do together. I am including our coloring sheet, craft and worship songs for your parents to download.

- Show coloring pages
- Show craft – Grow your own seeds and make flower garden with cupcake liners and construction paper.

- Worship songs – this is a great time to teach your parents some of your favorite songs and the motions that we do. (Just don't let them know it's also great exercise!)

Mom & Dad: Here are a couple of things for you. These are some more of my favorite books that I think you would enjoy reading together as a family:

Seeds and Trees by Brandon Walden. This is a powerful story about sowing good seeds vs. sowing bad seeds. This is a great story for any age! Brandon also has a website called The Treasured Tree which has some great resources for encouraging the hearts of children. It is definitely worth the read!!

I hope you have enjoyed today's story and know just how much Jesus loves you! I love you too and can't wait to see you again!!

*Downloads:

Coloring sheet from Gospel Light coloring book

Worship songs:

Match God's Heart

https://youtu.be/xaviF_GkwRk

I Like To

<https://youtu.be/u5yREdjlbls>

My BFF

<https://youtu.be/XzANAwEoB8A>

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Mark 4:1-20



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One day, Jesus told a crowd this story: "A farmer went out to his field to plant some seeds. The farmer tossed seeds onto the ground. Some seeds fell on the hard dirt. The birds ate these seeds.

"Other seeds fell on rocky ground. The plants grew for a little while. But there wasn't enough water, and the plants soon died. Other seeds fell near thorny weeds. The weeds grew faster and stronger than the plants. The plants couldn't grow! These plants died, too."

Finally Jesus said that some of the seed fell on good soil. Those seeds grew and became a huge good crop. Jesus' friends wondered, *What does this story mean?*

Jesus said, "The seeds are like God's Word. People who hear God's Word but never believe it are

like the hard dirt where birds ate the seeds. Some people are glad to hear the Word of God. They believe it, but later it's too hard to do what God wants. They stop believing God's Word. They are like the rocky soil."

One of the friends asked, "What kind of people are like the thorny soil?"

Jesus said, "Some people hear and believe God's Word. They begin to grow, but then their worries keep them from growing. Soon they forget about God's Word.

"The good soil is like people who hear and believe God's Word. They are glad to always love and obey God."

Jesus told this story to teach His helpers to obey God's Word.