



The Parable of the sower

A Guide
For Parents:



Where to Start:

1. Play [Noah's Ark Sower 1](#) for your children.
2. Watch these videos:
 1. [The Parable of the sower Animation](#)
 2. [Kidz Church - Parable of the sower](#)
 3. [Saddleback kids - The parable of the farmer and the seeds](#)
3. Play [Noah's Ark Sower 2](#) for your children.
4. Read “The parable of the sower” from your children’s bible. Alternatively, [click here](#) for a fun poem based on Mark 4: 1-20 ‘Four little seeds’ by Marty Nystrom.
5. Follow up your bible story reading with the “Story Discussion”. (see **Page 3** for ‘Story Discussion’)
6. Activity for kids – This is a fun activity based on the lesson. You might need to assist your little one with the activity. (see **Page 4** for instructions)
7. Colouring in and activity pages
 1. [Parable Colouring Pages 1](#)
 2. [Parable Colouring Pages 2](#)
8. Have fun and Pray together! This lesson guide is meant to encourage and create opportunity for you and your family to spend quality time together, using these resources as tools to enrich, enhance and expand on the lesson to create a deeper, more meaningful understanding of our Great, Big God in the hearts and minds of our little one’s.



Story Discussion Points:

After reading through 'The parable of the sower' in your children's bible (Matt 13: 1-9/ Mark 4: 1-9), talk about these points:

Questions:

- What happened to the seeds that fell on hard soil?
- What happened to the seeds that fell among the rocks?
- What happened to the seeds that grew among the thorns and weeds?
- Why was the last seed able to sprout and grow and bear fruit?

Reflection:

- Think about the farmer. If he was more careful about **How and Where** he planted the seeds, instead of just scattering them, would more seeds have sprouted?
- How can your heart be like fertile soil for good things to grow?

Key Concept:
God wants us to have hearts that listen and grow



Activity: Growing a Bean Sprout

You will need:

A paper cup, a ball of cotton wool, a handful of soil, and a little water.

1. Help your children take two seeds and put them in the middle of their cotton ball and place the cotton ball with seeds into their cup.
2. Sprinkle a little soil over the cotton ball in the cup.
3. Lightly wet the soil in the cup.
4. Place the cup on a sunny windowsill.

