

# 19. The Parable of the Sower

*The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children*

## Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) This story, of course, tells itself. But do get children to imagine seed falling in each area—hard ground, thorns, stones, and good soil.
- b) This is a wonderful spring story. Get children to plant seeds in a prepared garden. Make sure that the “good ground” is well fertilized or prepared. It’s going to be difficult to plant thorns, but you probably know better than I how to do this. Then get children to go out after a week, and two weeks, and so on. They will love seeing the growth and can reflect on how the seed on the bad ground disappears.
- c) You might tell children that the ground is their mind, and it can be hard or thorny or very good. They should be able to understand that.



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## The Lord Tells a Story About a Sower of Seeds

And again Jesus began to teach by the sea, and a crowd of so many came around Him that He went into a boat to sit, and all the crowd was by the sea on the land.

And Jesus taught them many things in parables or stories.

He said to the people, “Listen! A sower went out to sow seeds in the land. And it happened that as he sowed, some of the seed fell on the path and the birds of heaven came and ate it.

“Other seeds fell on a rocky place where there was not much earth. Straight away the seedlings sprang up. But then the sun came up and burnt the little plants because they had no roots. So they withered and died.

“Some of the seeds fell into thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked the seeds so they did not grow and have any fruit.

“But other seeds fell into the good earth, springing up and growing, and having much fruit: some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred.”

Then Jesus said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Mark 4

