

# Promise Parable Page

Name \_\_\_\_\_

WEEK 1

Jesus taught people by telling stories called parables. The stories helped people understand God's kingdom.



What is the hidden meaning of this story found in Mark 4:1-20?



The seed that fell along the path was trampled on and birds ate it.



This soil is like someone who hears God's Word but lets the devil come and take it away so that they do not believe.

**Add footprints on path and birds eating the seed.**

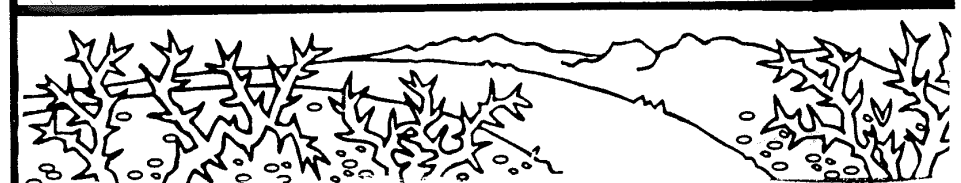


The seed that fell on the soil that was covering the rocky ground grew quickly. But when the roots hit the rocks the plants withered and died.



This soil is like someone who receives God's Word gladly when they hear it. They believe for a while, but stop believing when trouble comes.

**Draw very tiny withered plants.**



The seeds among the thorns grew up but then were choked out by the thorny weeds.



This soil is like someone who hears God's Word, but, as they go on their way, have it "choked out" by life's worries, riches and other things.

**Draw very small plants between the thorns.**



Some seeds that fell on good soil came up and grew into a crop one hundred times more than what the farmer planted.



This soil is like someone with a good heart who hears God's Word, believes it, and grows into a strong Christian.

**Draw healthy plants growing strong.**



What did you learn from this story?




THE BIBLE ...like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it,  
SAYS... and produce a crop....


Mark 4:20

# Extra! Extra!

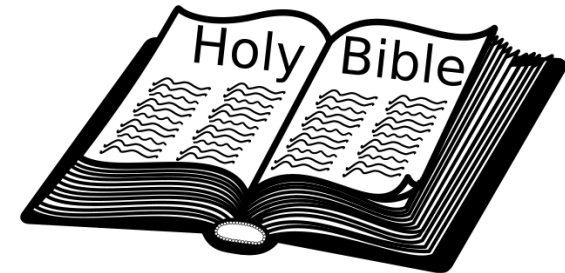
## Hear the word, accept it . . .

Our hearts should be like the good soil where the seed grows into strong healthy plants. How can we make our hearts into "good soil" that is ready to hear the word, accept it and grow the seed?

Put a  by the actions that please God.

Put a  by the actions that displease God.

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| _____ 1. Reading the Bible daily.       | _____ 6. Going to church.           |
| _____ 2. Watching TV constantly.        | _____ 7. Watching "R" rated movies. |
| _____ 3. Telling friends about Jesus.   | _____ 8. Memorizing Bible verses.   |
| _____ 4. Playing video games for hours. | _____ 9. Listening to bad music.    |
| _____ 5. Praying every day.             |                                     |



## . . . and produce a crop. Mark 4:20

Jesus said as the seed of the Word falls on the good soil of our hearts it should produce a crop. That means we should live in a loving, obedient, respectful way. We should be willing to share with others and tell others about Jesus.

Circle  the pictures that show children "producing a crop" for Jesus.

Cross out  the pictures that do not.

