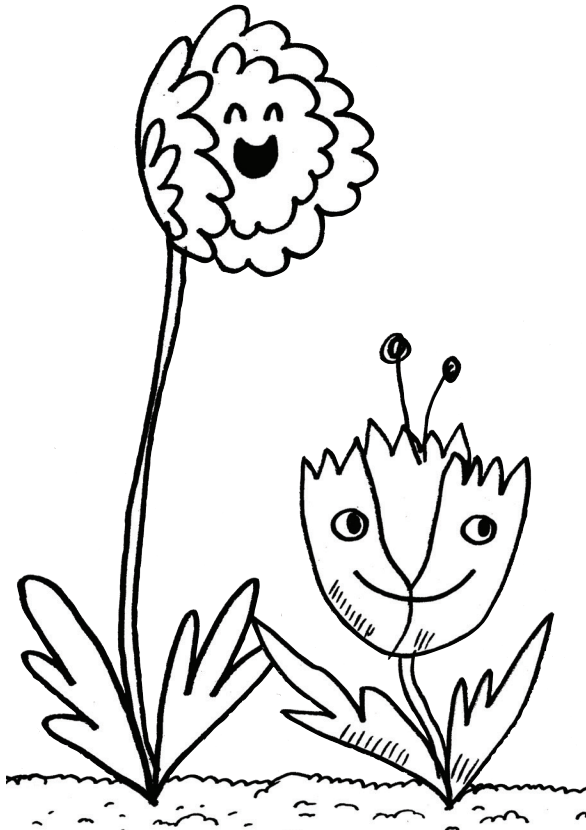


The Sower

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23



Through the parable of the sower, Jesus taught about listening to and following his teaching. A person with strong faith hears God's word, understands it, and helps others understand. This faith is like the seed planted in good soil that takes root and grows and grows. With God's help, we can learn and grow, too!

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?

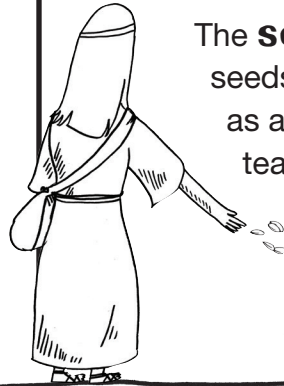


Jesus explained the meaning of his parable to his disciples, but not to everyone in the crowd.

The **seeds** would probably have been either wheat or barley. They represent the ministry that Jesus was planting in the world.



The **sower** planted by scattering seeds in a field. Jesus acted as a sower by scattering his teachings in the world.



About the Video

A farmer had a bunch of seeds to plant. The first seeds fell on the rocky road, not in soil. The second set of seeds fell in soil, but the birds ate them before they could grow. The third set fell in soil, but the weeds choked them out. Finally, the fourth set of seeds took root in good soil and grew.

- Why do you think Jesus taught with parables?
- What did it take for the seeds to become full-grown plants?
- What "weeds" and "birds" might attack your faith today?

Try This!

Plant some seeds, and watch them grow. How do you care for them? What do they need in order to grow? Talk about how our faith is like the seeds.

Prayer

Dear God, thanks for helping us grow, popping up as we learn and get bigger. We can help others grow, too! Pop! Pop! Amen!