

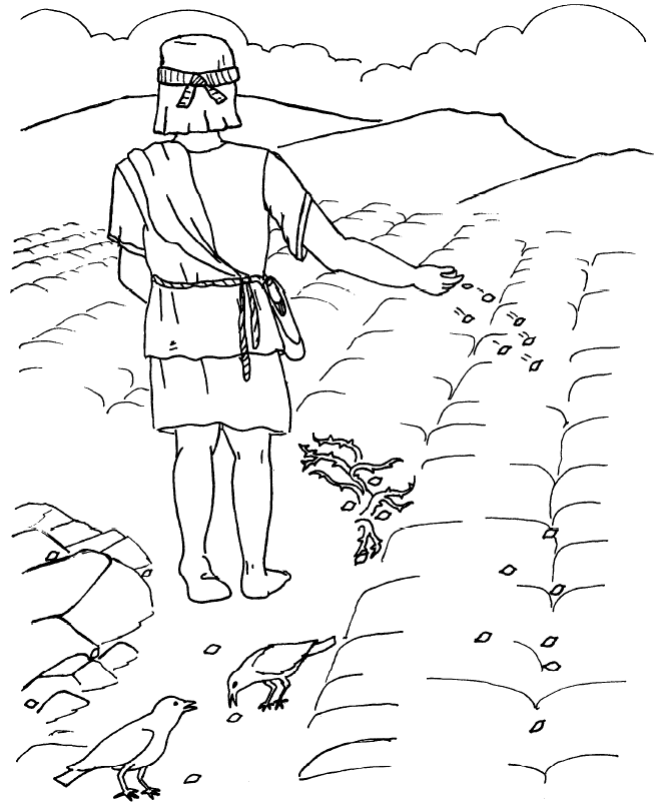
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The Parable of the Sower

Lesson 99



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Read this story in
the Bible:

Mark 4 v 1-9

This is another parable Jesus told. It teaches us about our hearts.

A man went out scattering seed. The seed was good. He wanted it to grow into a good crop of grain. But the ground it landed on was not all good.

Some landed on the path. This was so hard. The birds quickly came and ate all the seed. So that didn't grow at all. Some landed on stony ground where there wasn't much earth to grow in. The seed started to grow, but there wasn't room for any roots. The plants soon died when the hot sun shone on it. Some seed landed on ground where there were weeds and thorns. As the seed began to grow, the weeds and thorns grew up strongly and choked it. So that seed couldn't grow either.

But some seed fell on good ground, with plenty of earth, no stones and no weeds. That seed grew well. Some plants had quite a lot of grain, others had more and some had lots and lots of grain.

Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God, the good news about Jesus dying to save sinners like us. When God's Word is told, it lands in people's hearts. Some people have hard hearts. They don't listen at all to what God says about Jesus. Some people are quite interested in what God is saying, but as soon as life becomes difficult they forget all about God. Other people's hearts are so full of what is going on around them - how many things they have, or what they want to do - that they have no time to listen to God.

But some really listen, believe and ask for His forgiveness. They love and serve God all their life.

What kind of heart have you got? Ask God to give you a heart which loves Him.

The Parable of the Sower

'But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.' Mark 4 v 20

Does your heart listen to the Lord? Have you believed in the good news about Jesus? Ask God to give you a heart which loves Him.

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A verse to memorise:

**“I will give you a new heart
 and put a new spirit within you.”**

Ezekiel 36 v 26 (NKJV)