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LESSON: 1

The Nature of God The Parable of the Sower

A **parable** is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. It is also a story that uses typical, everyday situations in order to teach important truths.

In this story, Jesus told about the word of God being like a seed that a sower (farmer) threw out. It fell on many kinds of soil.

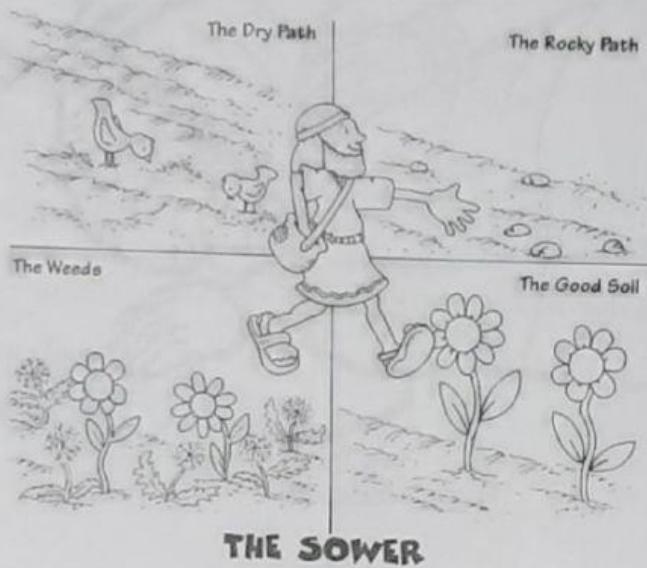
Some of the seed fell by the **wayside**, along the path. The birds came down and ate the seed. This is like the person who hears the message but does not understand it. The **evil** one comes and takes it away.

Some seed fell on the **rocky ground**. The plants came up quickly, but there was not much earth, so the plants dried up. This is the person who receives the word but falls away when trouble comes.

Some seed fell on the **thorny ground**, and the thorn bushes choked the seed. This is the person who is worried about life and wealth.

Then some of the seed fell on **good ground**. Those seeds grew into healthy plants and produced a good crop, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold and some thirtyfold.

"The good soil," said Jesus, "is like people who are honest. When they hear God's word, they remember it, and do what God says." These people produce a bountiful crop for the Lord.



1. Explain what a parable is?
2. What was the seed compared to?
3. Match type of seed with the meaning.

Seed fell by the wayside

person concern about health and life

Seeds fell on rocky ground

seeds grew into healthy plants

Seeds fell on thorny ground

persons receive the word of God but
fall away during trouble comes

Seeds fell on good ground

birds eat these seeds

4. Write the simile in paragraph 6 that tells what God said good soil is like.