

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#17 – The Parable of the Seed and Sower Luke 8:1-18

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

#17-1 A Man Sowing Seed

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** What do we do before we judge the sin of others?
We have to uncover and deal with our own sin first.

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** Why should we forgive others?

F—F	Make sign of F
Forgive	Stroke edge of L palm with R finger tips, like wiping away guilt
For the wrong that others do	Make thumbs down sign
F—F—Forgive	Same as above
As Jesus	Make sign of Jesus
forgives you	Same as forgive above



- **Introduction:** (picture 17-1) What is this a picture of?
As a farmer plants (sows) seed to produce a crop, the Word of God is sowed through the teaching of the truth in the Bible. The condition of a person's heart will determine whether it receives the seed (truth) and produces a good crop or not. The heart is like the soil a seed is planted in. If the heart is good it will produce a good crop.

The big question for this week is: What does it take to produce a good crop?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: What happens to the seed of truth?

Page 1 - Luke 23:34

(Picture of farmer sowing seed)

The farmer takes the seed
and sows it all around.
If a plant will grow from it
depends upon the ground.
God sows the seed of truth
in each and every heart.
Whether it produces fruit
depends upon its start.

Page 2 - Luke 8:11

(Picture of hard path)

If the seed lands on a path,
the birds will see it there.
As it lies there all alone,
visible and bare.
The plant won't be established
because the ground is hard.
And birds will steal the seed away
when the farmer's not on guard.

Page 3 - Luke 8:12

(Picture of birds eating seed)

Satan wants to steal God's truth
so it can't root in a heart.
And he is very crafty,
sneaky and quite smart.
If there is no root,
he will snatch the seed away.
So if a heart is like the path,
God's truth won't grow and stay

Page 4 - Luke 8:13

(Picture of rocky ground)

The seeds that land among the rocks
they easily will sprout.
But soon they die and wither,
when the sun comes out.
So if a heart is like the rocks,
God's truth one won't obey
As suffering and trouble
will make one fall away.

Page 5 - Luke 8:14

(Picture of weeds)

Other seed will be sown
in among the weeds.
At first the seed will flourish
as it has all it needs.
But soon the cares of the world
will grow and choke it out.
As truth to bring good fruit
Among the weeds can't sprout.

Page 6 - Luke 8:15

(Picture of bean plant producing beans)

In a heart that's well prepared,
truth won't be snatched away.
The seed that has been sown there
is sure to grow and stay.
Since it's planted in good soil,
its roots will go down deep.
And from it grows a good crop
that God is pleased to reap.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What does the farmer do with the seed? What determines whether or not a plant will grow from a seed? What is the seed God sows? Where is that seed sown?

Page 2: What happens to the seed that falls on the path? Why?

Page 3: What does Satan want to do? When is he able to do that?

Page 4: What happens to the seed that lands in the rocks? What happens to God's truth in a person's heart when it is like the rocks?

Page 5: What happens to the seed that is sown among the weeds? Why can't the truth grow in the middle of weeds?

Page 6: What happens to the seed that is sown in good soil? Why does it grow and produce a crop?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God for his word that produces a good crop in a good heart. Pray that your heart would receive his truth.
- The Big Question: What does it take to produce a good crop?

The truth planted in a good and noble heart will produce a good crop.

ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

★ Coloring: Color in the lesson picture.

★ Activity: Count the seeds

Instruction: Count the number of seeds on the page.

★ Lesson Rhyme: Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

S—S	Make sign of "S"
Seed	Right hand palm down, rub four fingers against thumb
Gets sown all around	Use right hand to throw out seed from left hand
S—S—Seed	Same as above
Grows up in good ground	Right hand behind left, move up and spread fingers Thumbs up sign



- **Discovery Activity:** Act out the steps of a plant growing. Then act out what happened in the parable.
- **Craft: Mosaic**
 Glue different types of material to the picture to represent the types of soil from the parable.
 Materials: cover stock paper, gray construction paper, brown & blue crayons, weeds, dirt, glue
 Preparation: Run off craft on cover stock paper. Cut in two.
 Instructions: Glue material to each area.
 - Rocks – tear up gray construction paper into rock pieces
 - Path – Color brown, color sky blue
 - Weeds – Glue on weeds
 - Good soil – Spread out glue and sprinkle dirt over it.

- **Song:** Oats, Peas, Beans, and Barley Grow

Chorus:

Oats, peas, beans, and barley grow,
 Oats, peas, beans, and barley grow,
 Can you or I or anyone know
 How oats, peas, beans, and barley grow?

Verse 1:

First the farmer sows his seed,
 Stands erect and takes his ease,
 He stamps his foot and claps his hands,
 And turns around to view his lands.

Chorus

Verse 2:

Next the farmer waters the seed,
 Stands erect and takes his ease,
 He stamps his foot and claps his hands,
 And turns around to view his lands.

Chorus

Verse 3:

Next the farmer hoes the weeds,
 Stands erect and takes his ease,
 He stamps his foot and claps his hands,
 And turns around to view his lands.

Chorus

Verse 4:

Last the farmer harvests his seed,
 Stands erect and takes his ease,
 He stamps his foot and claps his hands,
 And turns around to his lands.

Chorus

JOURNAL

The journal is included in the class booklet for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.