



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....
to Mass today.

The Parable Of The Sower

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.

Jesus liked to tell stories to help people understand his teaching. One day he told a story about a farmer who planted some seeds. As he scattered the seed in his field, some of them fell on the footpath and the birds ate them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground. The seeds sprouted, but they wilted and died under the hot sun because they didn't have deep roots. Some of the seeds fell in areas where there were lots of weeds, and the weeds choked out the young plants. But some of the seed fell on good, fertile soil and that seed grew and produced a wonderful crop.

In Jesus' story, the seed represents the Word of God, and the soil represents the people who hear the Word. Many times people hear the Word of God, but they don't understand it, they don't take it in - this is like the seed on the footpath. The seed doesn't have the opportunity to grow in their life before it is taken away. The seed that fell on rocky soil represents those who hear the Word and receive it with great joy, but when the newness wears off and the excitement fades, they drift away because they don't have deep roots. The seed that fell among the weeds represents people who hear and believe God's Word, but soon allow the message to be crowded out of their lives by worries and the desire to get more 'stuff'. But the good soil is when a person hears God's Word, tries to understand what it says and put it into practice in their daily life - the seed takes root and grows and produces a plentiful harvest. ***The good soil is what Jesus wants US to be!***



The Parable Of The Sower

Multiple Choice Quiz

Put a circle around the word that best matches the definition:

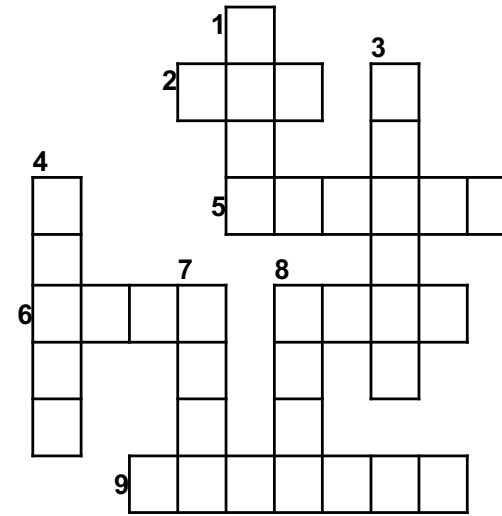
- A person who owns or takes care of a farm:
A) Baker B) Farmer C) Butcher D) Teacher
- To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow:
A) Rocky B) Farmer C) Path D) Sow
- A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow:
A) Thorn B) Seed C) Soil D) Root
- A way made by or for people walking on the ground:
A) Path B) Sow C) Rocky D) Soil
- Covered with stones:
A) Seed B) Rocky C) Path D) Thorns
- Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant:
A) Soil B) Shallow C) Thorns D) Sow
- Not deep:
A) Rocky B) Shallow C) Sow D) Soil
- The part of a plant which grows down into the earth:
A) Thorn B) Rocky C) Root D) Leaf
- The upper layer of earth that may be dug or ploughed and in which plants grow:
A) Rocky B) Soil C) Farmer D) Path
- Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers:
A) Crop B) Shallow C) Sow D) Soil

Children's Prayer

Hello God. We want to be like the good soil in Jesus' story. Please help us to study and understand your Word and put it into practice in our daily lives. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



Crossword Puzzle



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- A person who owns or takes care of a farm
- Covered with stones
- A way made by or for people walking on the ground
- The upper layer of earth that may be dug or ploughed and in which plants grow

Path	Crop	Soil	Thorns	Root
Shallow	Farmer	Seed	Sow	Rocky

