

THE PARABLE OF THE *Sower* CRAFT



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The Parable of the Sower

The parable of the sower is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. It's short, and I suggest reading all three versions with your kids. The story in Matthew and Mark are very similar, but the translation of the story in Luke has some interesting differences.

Where you'll find the parable of the sower:

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

MARK 4:1-9, 13-20

LUKE 8:4-8, 11-15

Jesus tells the story of a sower. To put it in our cultural context, kids may understand this to be someone who scatters seed, like a farmer.

The sower scatters the seed in four distinct places:

ON THE PATH: THIS SEED IS EATEN BY BIRDS.

ON ROCKY GROUND: THIS SEED QUICKLY PRODUCES SEEDLINGS, BUT IN THE HOT SUN WITH LITTLE SOIL, THE SEEDLINGS QUICKLY WITHER.

IN THORNS: THE SEEDLINGS THAT GROW ARE CHOKED BY THORNS.

IN GOOD SOIL: THESE SEEDLINGS BECOME PLANTS WHICH PRODUCE 30, 60, OR 100 TIMES THE GRAIN THEY WERE SOWN WITH.

Symbolism in the parable of the sower:

THE SEED REPRESENTS THE WORD OF GOD (THE GOSPEL).

THE SOWER IS THE ONE SHARING THE GOSPEL.

THE SOIL REPRESENTS THE HEART OF THE ONE HEARING THE GOSPEL.

THE PLANTS REPRESENT THE FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL.

The parable of the sower is explained by Jesus:

ON THE PATH: THIS HEARER HEARS BUT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD. SATAN SNATCHES THE SEED FROM THIS HEART TO KEEP THE PERSON FROM SALVATION.

ON ROCKY GROUND: THIS PERSON IS JOYFUL ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS. BUT, ONCE THERE IS PERSECUTION OR TRIBULATION BECAUSE OF THE WORD OF GOD, THEY FALL AWAY.

IN THORNS: THIS HEARER BELIEVES THE WORD OF GOD, BUT IS DISTRACTED BY LIFE'S CARES, RICHES, AND PLEASURES. THIS PERSON DOES NOT PRODUCE MATURE FRUIT.

NOTE: THERE IS DISAGREEMENT AMONG SCHOLARS ABOUT WHETHER THIS IS A PERSON WHO IS SAVED AND PERPETUALLY SPIRITUALLY IMMATURE, OR IS SOMEONE WHO APPEARS TO BE SAVED YET IS NOT.

IN GOOD SOIL: THIS PERSON HEARS THE GOSPEL, UNDERSTANDS, AND LETS IT TAKE ROOT IN THEIR LIVES. FROM ONE SEED, THIS PERSON BEARS THE FRUIT OF 30, 60, OR EVEN 100 SEEDS.

The parable of the sower is a wonderful illustration of the way people receive the gospel. More importantly, it is an opportunity for us--and for our children--to examine our hearts to see how we have received the good news of Jesus, and to question whether we are cultivating the garden of our heart by continuing to seek God's word in Scripture.

Supplies Needed to Make Your Parable of the Sower Craft





- Cardstock
- Paper Plate
- Permanent Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Your Printable Templates & Symbol Card



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INSTRUCTIONS

Before you get started on the craft, read the parable of the sower in at least two of the Synoptic Gospels.

Help your child fill out their Symbols in the Parable of the Sower card.

SYMBOLS IN THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER	
MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23; MARK 4:1-9, 11-20; LUKE 8:1-8, 9-15	
Main symbols in the parable of the sower:	
	THE SOWER REPRESENTS _____
	THE SEED REPRESENTS _____
	THE SOIL REPRESENTS _____
	THE PLANTS REPRESENT _____

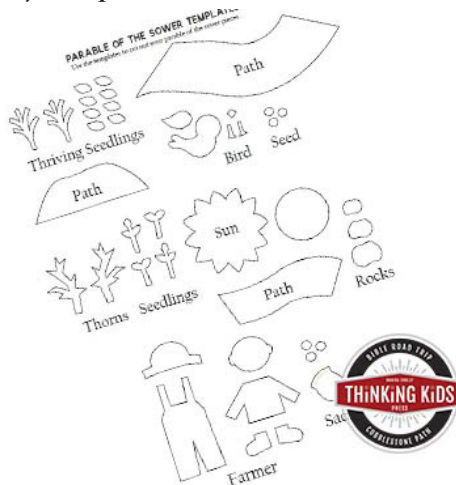


Talk about:

- What each symbol in the story means.
- Discuss the gospel. Can your child articulate what it means to be saved?
- Talk about what it means for someone who is saved to bear fruit.
- Discuss what kind of soil we want to have in our hearts for the word of God to grow in.

1) Print and cut out the template pieces.

Print the template page from step-by-step instructions and cut out the pieces.



Lay the template pieces over the cardstock in the colors your child would like to use for the each piece. Trace the pieces on the cardstock and cut out the pieces.

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2) Cut out and assemble the birds and seeds.



Let your child choose the colors for the birds. As you work to assemble them, talk about what they represent in the parable.



Glue the birds together as shown. Use a permanent marker to draw the eye of each bird.

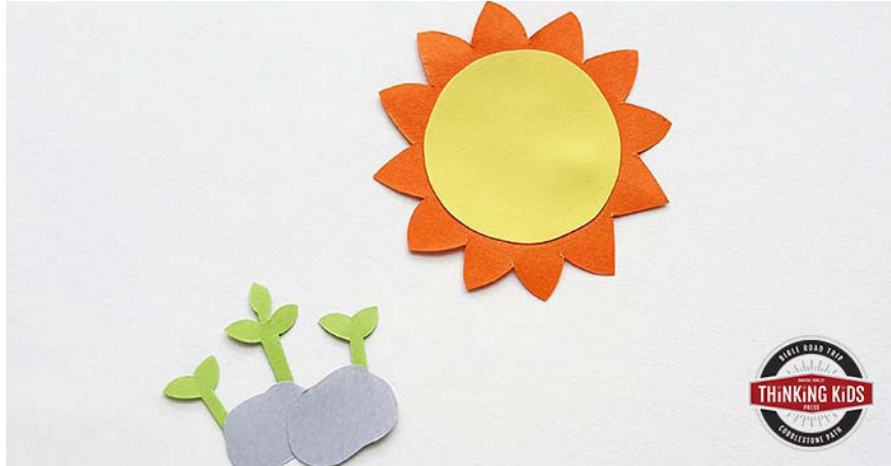
3) Cut out and assemble the seedlings on the rocky path.



Trace and cut out the sun, rocks, and seedlings.

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Glue the pieces of the sun together. Glue the rocks together as shown, then glue the seedlings on the back of the rocks. Talk about what seeds need to prosper (light, soil, and moisture). Discuss how difficult it is to retain moisture in rocky soil, and talk about how difficult it is for small roots to prosper in rocky ground.

4) Cut out the seedlings and thorns.



Trace and cut out the seedlings and the thorns.

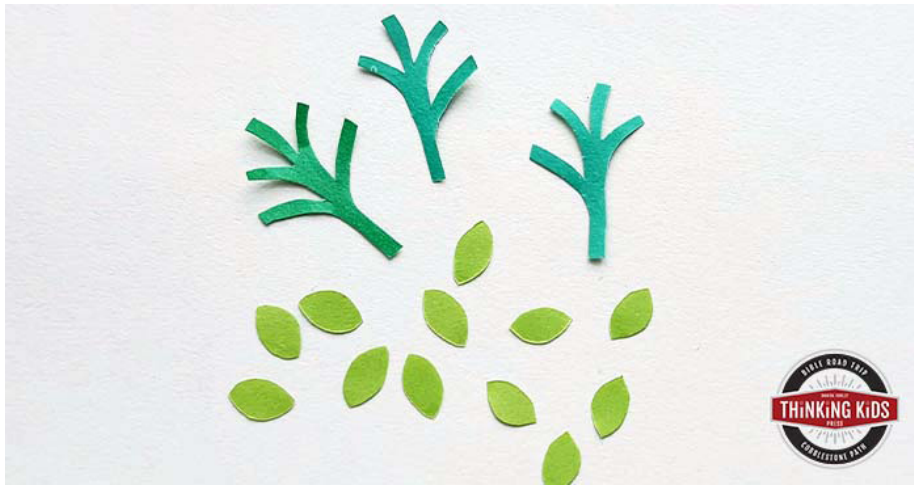
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5) Cut out and assemble the healthy seedlings.



Trace and cut out the thriving seedling as shown.



Glue the small leaves to the open ends of the stems.

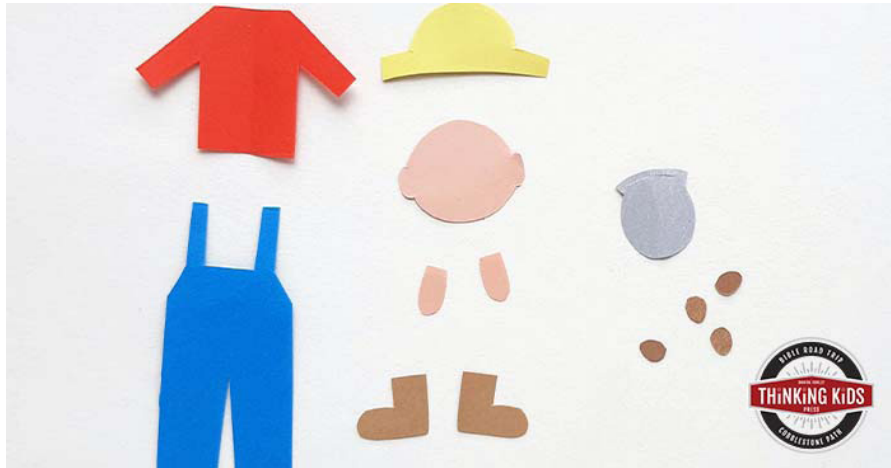
6) Cut out the soil from the path templates.

You should have 3 different shapes of soil.

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7) Cut out and assemble the sower.



Trace and cut out the pieces of the sower from the template.



Use a permanent marker to add hair to the head. Then, glue the hat on the top of the head.

Glue the boots on the back of the bottom of each leg.

Glue the shirt and the overalls before gluing a hand to each sleeve as shown.

Cut a slit along the yellow line on the sack. Insert half of the seeds through the slit. Apply glue to attach the seeds to the sack.

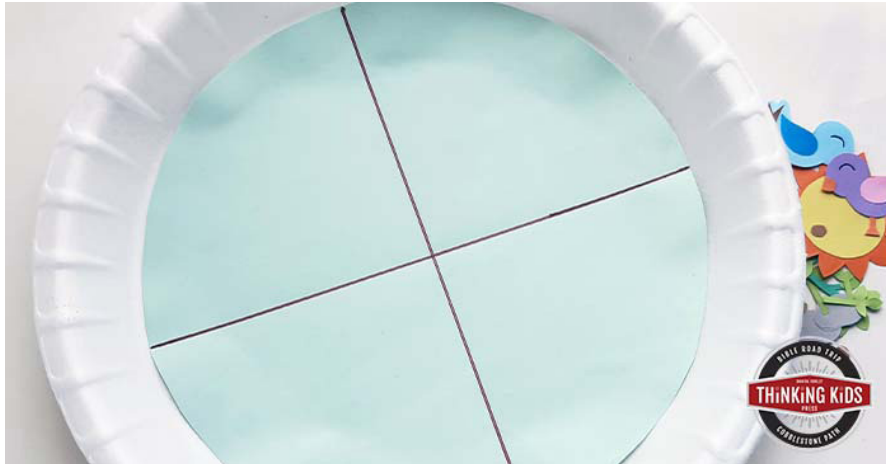
Glue the sower's head to his body and glue his sack to his hand. Draw his face with a permanent marker.

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8) Create your parable of the sower story wheel.



Cover the inside flat area of a paper plate with paper. Using a permanent marker and your ruler, divide the paper into four even parts.







Glue your scenes together as shown. Then, glue the sower in the middle of your wheel.





Display your parable of the sower story wheel with your child's symbol card somewhere your child will see it as a reminder of the parable of the sower .

SYMBOLS IN THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER CARD

Print this page on cardstock and cut out the cards. Have each child fill out a card.

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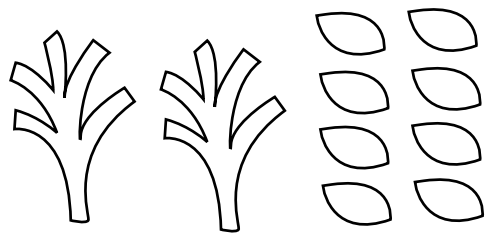


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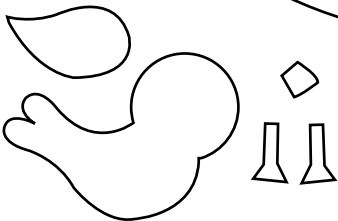
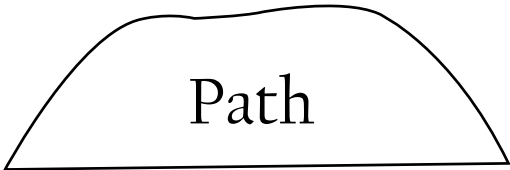
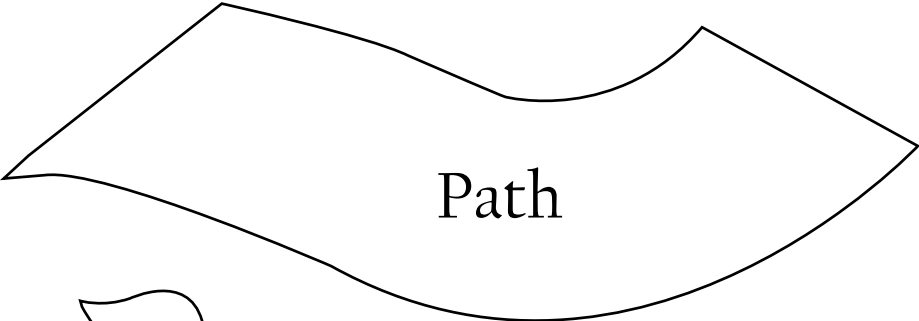


PARABLE OF THE SOWER TEMPLATES

Use the templates to cut out your parable of the sower pieces.



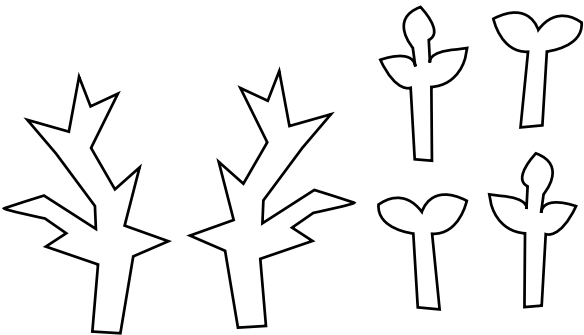
Thriving Seedlings



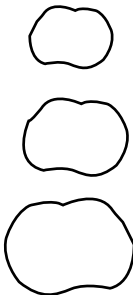
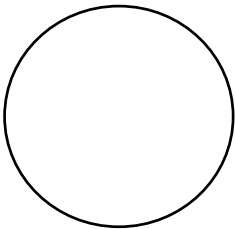
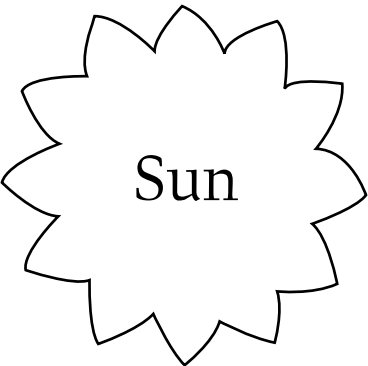
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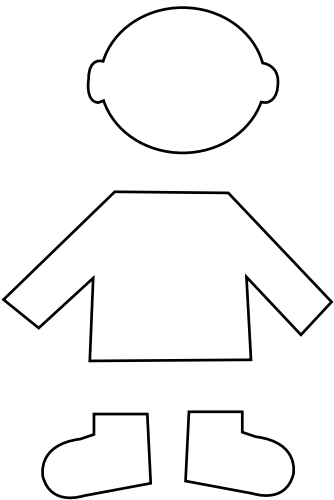
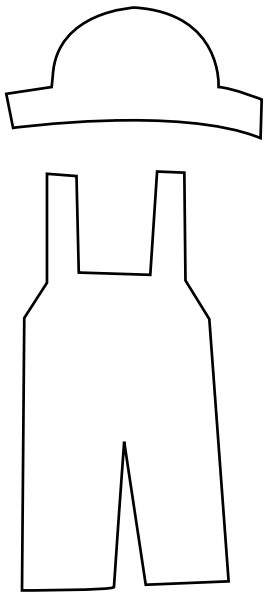
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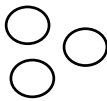
Thorns Seedlings



Rocks



Farmer



Sack

Help Your Kids LEARN & LOVE THE BIBLE

YOU WANT TO TEACH THE BIBLE...

As parents, we deeply desire the best for our kids. We look for the right schools, we make them eat right and exercise, and we get them involved in extracurricular activities. We take our job as parents seriously.

But are we also putting our time and energy into teaching them the Bible? Giving them the life-changing, soul-nourishing words of Scripture is not only doable, it's an essential part of parenting kids for Jesus. And the good news is, studying God's Word as a family doesn't have to be difficult!

2 Timothy 2:15, ESV, says:

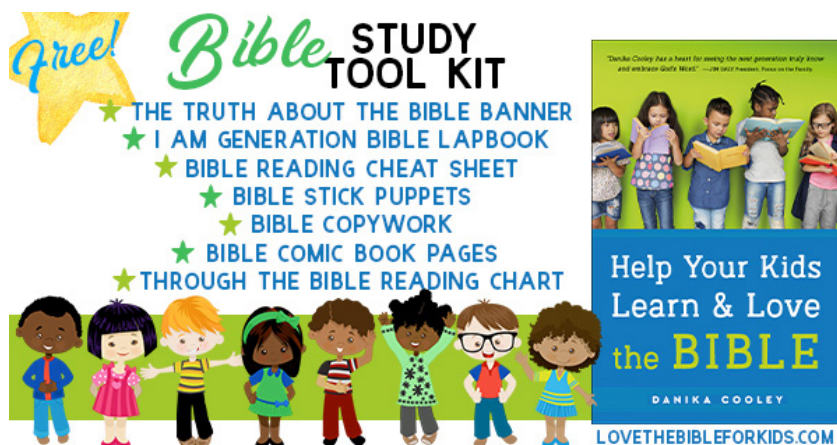
**Do your best to present yourself to God
as one approved,
a worker who has no need to be ashamed,
rightly handling the word of truth.**

Our job, as parents who love Jesus, is to help our kids become approved workers, unashamed and rightly handling the word of truth.

The good news? Teaching the Bible isn't hard. Your family can learn the Bible together.

A TOOL KIT TO HELP YOUR KIDS LEARN & LOVE THE BIBLE

This family Bible study tool kit is filled with fun, hands-on resources you're going to love! Not only will these tools help your kids better understand God's Word, they'll help you apply some of the things you learn in **Help Your Kids Learn and Love the Bible!**



... AND YOU CAN!

A CRASH COURSE IN TEACHING THE BIBLE TO YOUR KIDS

Danika Cooley's book, **Help Your Kids Learn and Love the Bible**, will give you the tools and confidence to study the Bible as a family. It will help you identify and overcome your objections and fears, give you a crash course in what the Bible is all about and how to teach it, and provide the guidance you need to set up a family Bible study habit.

You will finish this book feeling encouraged and empowered to initiate and strengthen your child's relationship with the Lord through His Word.

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