

Together @ Home

Sunday 19th July
Seventh Sunday after
Pentecost



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together,
Jesus' Parable of the Sower

You can find the story in your Bible in:

Matthew 13:1-9

Read the story together – choose a Bible
translation or children's story version
which best suits your family.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for all the things we learn
about you and about how to follow
Jesus through your Word.

Help us to listen and learn so that
good things--like love and joy and
goodness and faithfulness--might
grow in us, and help us to share these
things with the world.

We pray for those who don't know
you and are worried about having the
things they need. Give them faith
and a relationship with you.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What different kinds of ground did the seed land on?

Some of the seed landed on a path. Other seeds landed on
rocky ground, thorny ground, and good ground.

A question for everyone to discuss

What lesson do you think Jesus was trying to teach?

Though Jesus explains a meaning for this parable later in the
chapter (Matthew 13: 18-23), this is not the case with all of
his parables. In fact, parables can often mean different things
at different times to different people. The fact that Jesus
concludes this parable by saying "whoever has ears let him
hear" encourages to think for ourselves first. Encourage your
child to ponder what s/he thinks the parable means. Children
are often more able than adults to produce possible messages
because they are more likely to approach scripture with a
sense of open wonder.

Family Activity

Items needed: Container for plant, soil, fruit/vegetable seeds

Collect the seeds from any fruits/vegetables you have in the
house (tomatoes, peppers, apples, oranges, etc.)

You might need to be creative in getting soil from your
garden. If you have multiple seeds from the same fruit or
vegetable and multiple
containers, you could try
planting the seeds in
different soils and see how
it affects their growth.

Plant the seeds in the
container and place in a
sunny windowsill or outside
in a protected area where it
receives sunlight. Make sure
to water regularly.





A verse to remember

Psalm 119 v 11

**I have taken your words to heart
so I would not sin against you.**

Studies show that we must read, hear, or do something six times before it is in our head--so to take the Bible to heart, we need to read and study the Bible in such a way that we know it's story "by heart."

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

**CHALLENGE
YOURSELF!**

The parable Jesus told was a good story, but it wasn't *just* a good story. Jesus' parables always had deeper meanings. One thing we can learn from the parable of the sower is that Jesus wants us to stick to God's Word and to grow.

How will you choose to do that?

Using the *Choose a Challenge Activity* on the next page, decide how you will put this lesson from this parable into practice.

Circle at least one of the items listed. Then write on the lines steps you will take to accomplish your goal.

Knowing our Helper

When we choose to listen to God's Word and try to understand it and follow it, we're like good soil. As we grow stronger in our faith and in our ability and desire to follow Jesus, God's Word can produce good things in us--like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. We call these the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5)



Check it Out!

This YouTube video is a fun way to see today's Bible story!



<https://safeYouTube.net/w/5dNN>

choose a challenge

How will you stick to God's Word and grow?

Hear God's Word

Think about God's Word

Memorize Scriptures

Study God's Word

Listen to Scriptures being read

Listen to teachers of God's Word

Here's what I will do:



⇒ Find in your Bible another parable Jesus taught. Ask a parent or family member what the parable means.

⇒ MEMORIZE Hebrews 11:1, 6.

Jokes! :)

What type of music are balloons scared of?

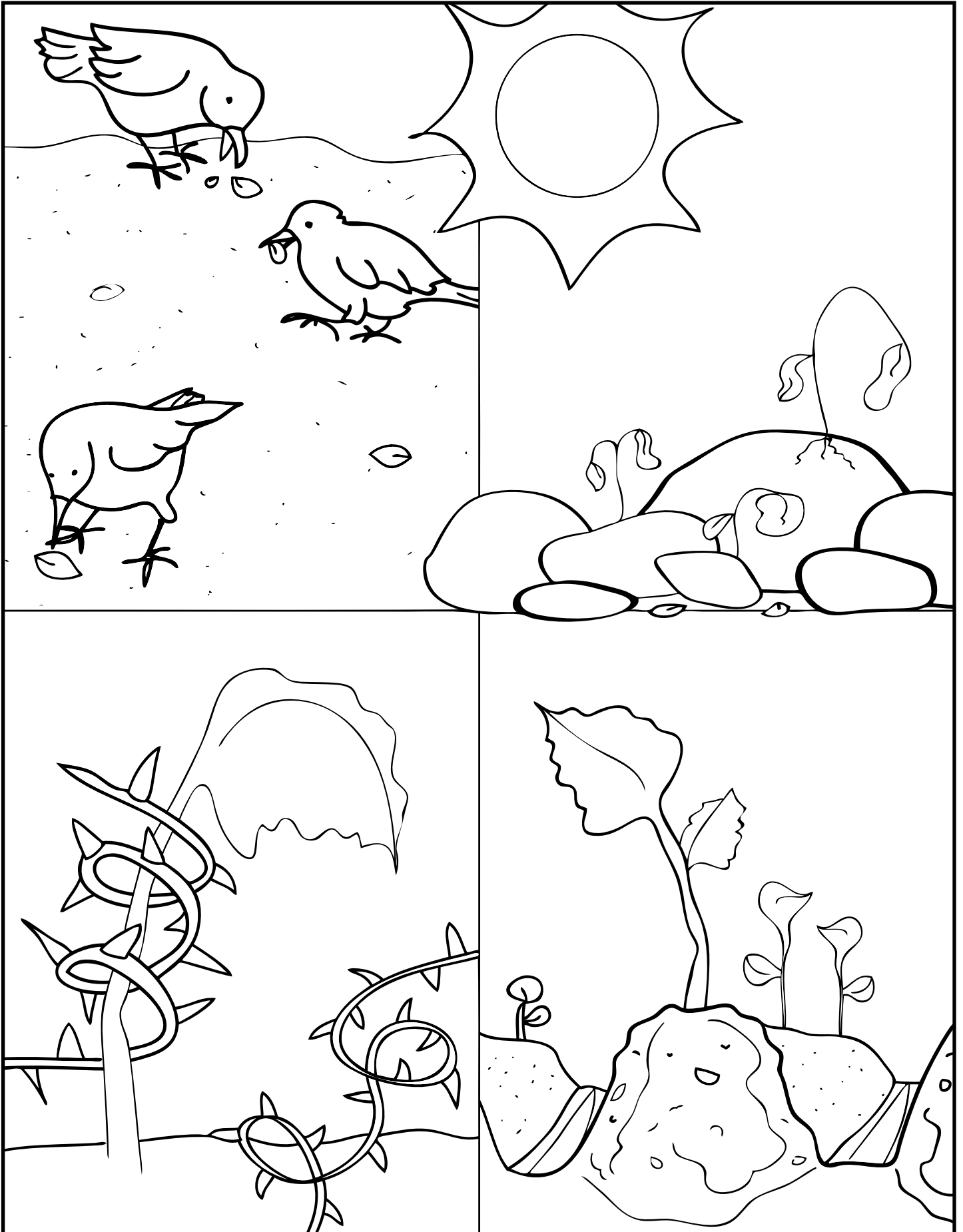
Pop music!

What did zero say to the number eight?

Nice belt!



Coloring Page



The Parable of The Sower and the Seed



Sower
Seed
Path
Birds
Rocky (Ground)
Moisture
Thorns
Soil
Hundredfold
Fruit
Word
God
Devil
Joy
Root
Trial



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