

Lesson 36

-The Parable of the Sower-

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2-5 Years:

Opening Prayer: To welcome the start of the class. For example:

"Dear God. As we once again come together, help us to learn more about your work and how we can be better Christians. Amen"

Bible Story:

Tell the parable of the sower in basic language that this age group can understand. If you can't find an illustrated copy of this in the library for use in your class, use the bible use simple language.

Discuss:

Where do farmers plant their seeds? Why do they plant them in good soil?

Game:

Split up your group so that you have a "farmer", some good soil, some thorny soil and some rocky soil. The groups of children who are the soil should crouch down on the floor.

Have the farmer walk to first the rocky soil group and pretend to cast seeds. The group should then jump up fast, and then return quickly to the ground.

Next the farmer should walk to the thorny soil and pretend to cast seeds in it. The children in this group should stand up slowly and then turn around as they slowly return to the floor.

Finally the farmer should walk to the good soil good and pretend to cast his seed. The children in this group should get up slowly, smiling, and remain standing waving their arms in the air from side to side.

Song: (To the tune of "This little light of mine")

Chorus (repeat after each verse)

These little seeds of mine, I'm gonna plant them right
 These little seeds of mine, I'm gonna plant them right
 These little seeds of mine, I'm gonna plant them right,
 Plant them right, plant them right, plant them right.

Plant them in rocky ground oh no, I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them in rocky ground oh no, I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them in rocky ground oh no, I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them right, plant them right plant them right

Plant them in thorny ground oh no, I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them in thorny ground oh no, I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them in thorny ground oh no, I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them right, plant them right plant them right

Plant them in real good soil oh yes! I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them in real good soil oh yes! I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them in real good soil oh yes! I'm gonna plant them right
 Plant them right, plant them right plant them right

**Activity 2:**

Plant seeds. Provide seeds that will grow quickly depending on the time of year. You'll also need a clear plastic cup and some soil for each child in your group, plus some magazine images of whatever the seed will grow into and glue.

Give each child a cup, and place the images in the centre of the table. Have each child choose and then glue an image onto the side of their cup. Next you should go around the group and about place soil in to about a half the way up. Give each child 2-3 seeds and show them how to make a little hole in the soil with their finger for each seed, plant it, and cover it. Explain to them that they will need to ask someone to water the seeds each day.

Closing Prayer: Thanking God for the parable of the sower and for showing us why we should plant our seeds in good soil if we want them to grow. For Example:

Dear God, thank you for the parable of the sower, and for showing us why we should plant our seeds in good soil if we want them to grow. Help us to be like the good seeds and to grow strong in your love. Amen."