

Yr 2 Parable of the Sower Lesson, Luke 8:5-15

Opening Prayer:

Our Father, Отче Наш *See the Prayer Poster*

Gospel: [Luke 8:5-15](#) ←Click to follow link

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Lesson: We must help God's Word grow in our heart.

A parable is a story that explains something. Jesus told parables to help people understand things about God and God's kingdom.

Who was the farmer in the story? God. What is the seed? God's Word.

For younger children discuss the different kinds of soil but focus on the good soil. For older children you can have more of a discussion about ways that our hearts sometimes are not good soil for God's Word. This can be a good time of self-examination.

What is the good soil (dirt)? It is our hearts that are prepared to listen and hold on to God's Word.

What kinds of things do we add to soil to help plants grow? Water, fertilizer.

What kinds of things can help God's word grow in our hearts? How can we prepare ourselves to listen and accept God's Word? Discuss ways that we can do this: e.g. reading the Bible, praying, listening to what the preachers and teachers of the church tell us, watch Christian shows etc.....

Talk about practical things that we can do: Do you have a Bible? A Prayer Book? Are there special times during the day that we can pray more?

These are all just like the water and fertilizer! Without them God's Word will not grow strong in our heart. Our love for God and others will be weaker. When we do these things God's Word (LOVE) grows in our heart and our faith grows!

Craft: Flowerpot Craft. See Craft Page.

In Church: Look around at the icons. Do you see icons with the Gospel Book in them? Jesus and some of the Saints are often holding the Gospel book. Look how nicely it is decorated! It is the most important book in the world! This is the Word of God! Say a special prayer that your heart will always be good soil for the Word of God.