

Parable of the Sower

Attention parents!

This material is to assist you and your young children for long-lasting results.

Instructions:

1. **Pray first.** Ask the Father for His wisdom to effectively teach your children, in Jesus' name, amen.
2. **Read** all the material.
3. **Share** and **explain** these truths with each child **separately** in a **way** they can understand.
4. **Realize** that each child is different and learns at different levels. (Timing is important)

Mark 4:13-20 (TLB)

13 But if you can't understand this simple illustration, what will you do about all the others I am going to tell?

14 "The farmer I talked about is anyone who brings **God's message** to others, trying to plant **good seed** within their lives.

15 The hard pathway, where some of the seed fell, represents the **hard hearts** of some of those who hear God's message; Satan comes at once to try to make them forget it.

16 The **rocky soil** represents the hearts of those who **hear the message with joy**,

17 but, like young plants in such soil, **their roots don't go very deep**, and though at first they get along fine, as soon as persecution begins, they wilt.

18 "The **thorny ground** represents the hearts of people who listen to the Good News and receive it,

19 but all too quickly the **attractions of this world** and the **delights of wealth**, and the **search for success** and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God's message from their hearts, so that no crop is produced.

20 "But the **good soil** represents the hearts of those who truly **accept** God's message and **produce** a plentiful harvest for God—thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as was planted in their hearts."

1. The following prayer is especially important.
2. This prayer is one of your child's goals in life.
3. They are to pray this from their heart to the Father in Jesus name.
4. *"Dear Father, I ask that You cause me to be the good soil, cause me to be Mark 4:20, in Jesus' name amen, thank You!"*
5. The following faith statement is to be spoken or should be spoken **out loud** with heart-felt faith. (Spoken several times throughout each day until your child believes what they are speaking) **"Faith comes by hearing"** (Romans 10:17)
6. The faith statement is: *"I am the good soil in Jesus' name amen. Mark 4:20"*
7. **For each child!** Ask your dad, mom, brother, or friend to ask you this question, *"Who are you?"* Your response should be, *"I am the good soil in Jesus' name amen. Mark 4:20"*
8. Realize that God is looking for lasting results.

Consider the following!

Jesus explains the parable of the Sower.

Luke 8:11-15 (RSV)

11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

12 The ones **along the path** are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved.

13 And the ones **on the rock** are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And as for what **fell among the thorns**, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

15 And as for that **in the good soil**, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Bible Commentary: (Resource for understanding 1-5)

1. **Three elements** are significant in this parable: the **seed**, the **sower**, and the **soil**.
2. Note that **two** of the elements are **identical** in each instance.
3. It is the **same seed** and the **same sower**.
4. The **one factor** which accounts for the variety of results **is the soil**.
5. Accepting the principle that the soil means the hearer, then it follows that that there are **four kinds of people** who hear the gospel, and of them **only one brings forth enduring or acceptable fruit**.
6. **Remember**, this is **one** important goal in your children's life.

