

JESUS TELLS A STORY ABOUT FOUR KINDS OF SOIL

[By the Sea of Galilee] — Jesus taught people by telling stories. These picture stories, called “parables,” kept people listening. Whenever Jesus told them, people learned about God’s kingdom.

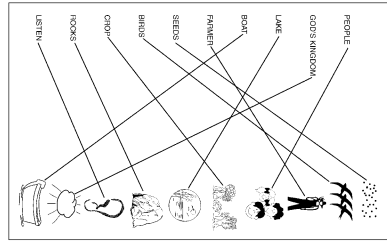
One time, when a big crowd flocked around him, Jesus had to climb into a boat and row a little way out into the lake so the people wouldn’t crush him. While he sat out in the boat he told about four kinds of soil a farmer used to plant his seeds.

Some hard ground didn’t even let the seed get in. The birds came and ate all of it. Some rocky soil kept the seed from growing good roots. The seed soon died. Some thorny soil let the plants grow, but then the thorns choked and killed it. Some good soil made the seed grow up into a healthy crop.

Jesus said people are like the four soils. Some people never let God’s words come in. Some people don’t stay close to God. But some people are like good soil. They listen to God’s words and let them grow inside of them.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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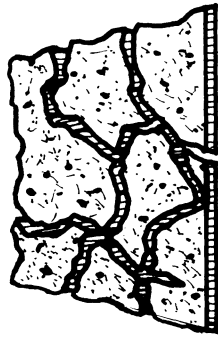
ANSWERS

Gospel Grams

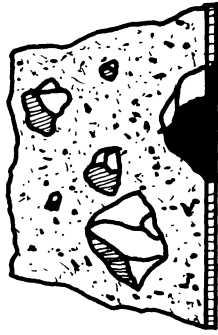
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



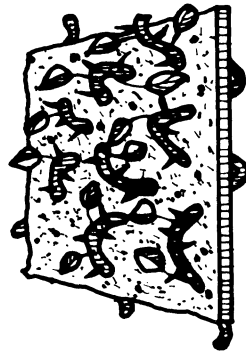
Finish The Picture. Here are pictures of four kinds of soil. Finish each picture to show what happens to seeds planted in each kind. For clues, read the Gospel story for today.



HARD



ROCKY

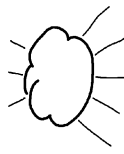
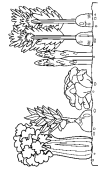


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GOOD

Matching Game. Below are ten words from today's Gospel story. On the right side are ten objects. Draw a line from the word to the object that matches it.



PEOPLE

GOD'S KINGDOM

LAKE

BOAT

FARMER

SEEDS

BIRDS

CROP

ROCKS

LISTEN