

The Parables of Jesus

The Seed and the Soil

Look it up
in your bible!

Matthew 13: 1-23
Grade 3 - Grade 4

What did you learn about the bible?

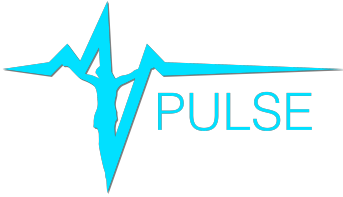
The bible is a collection of many books. It has ___ books in total. We divide the bible into two sections; the ___ and the _____. The second section begins with four special books called the four _____. This is where we read all about Jesus and read his parables. Those four books are called _____, _____, _____, and _____.

What do you remember from Jesus' parable?

Fill in the blanks with the words in the bank below

One day, a _____ when out to plant some seeds. As he scattered the seeds across his _____, some of the seeds fell onto a _____, where they were stepped on, and the _____ came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil among rocks, those seeds began to grow quickly, but the plants soon wilted under the hot _____. Since the plants did not have deep _____, they died. Other seeds landed among _____ that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds fell among fertile soil. These seeds grew and produced a _____ that was one hundred times as much as had been _____.

birds, crop, roots, farmer, rocks, planted, thorns, field, sun, footpath



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What did we learn from today's parable?

Through this parable, Jesus teaches us how important it is to make sure our friendship and relationship with God has everything it needs in order for it to grow. Just like seeds need proper water, sunlight, and good soil to grow, our relationship with God depends on prayer and reading the bible in order for it to grow. When we pray, we get to talk with Jesus. This is how we get to know Him! When we read the bible we get to see what Jesus did in all sorts of situations. This helps us get to know what Jesus is like. God has planted his word in all of our hearts, we need to water that seed of faith with prayer and reading the bible.

Bring this story to life:

Try to sit and read your bible while your TV is on, while there's loud music playing, or while you're in a very busy place. How does it go? Are you able to focus? Are you learning anything from your bible while you try to read it in a loud space?

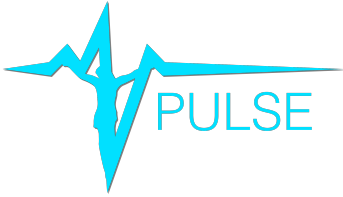
After, try to read your bible in the quiet of your room. How does it go, then? Do you find it easier or harder to concentrate?

Reflection questions:

When would be a good time to pray every day?

What kinds of things could you tell God while you pray?

How often do you read the bible?



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Spend some time in prayer talking to Jesus.

Thank You - Sorry - Please

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Thank you Jesus for...

Sorry Jesus for when I...

Please Jesus...



... Amen.

1 tsp = 1 teaspoon
thank you - sorry - please

The Good Soil - Craft

The parable of the good soil teaches us that in order for us to build a relationship with God, we need to take time to pray and read our bibles - this is how our relationship with God grows.

The Good Soil Collage Flower - Craft

You will need:

- Blank sheet of paper
- Old magazines, newspapers, flyers, etc.
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

You will be making a collage flower. The difficulty of this craft depends on how many petals you decide to put on your flower, and how large or small you decide to cut the pieces of your flower.

1. Decide how many petals you'd like for your flower.
2. Lightly draw a large outline of the flower on your blank sheet of paper with a pencil.
3. Decide which colours you would like to use for each.
4. Go through old magazines, flyers, newspapers, or any old papers you may have around your house to find bits of paper of the colours you chose for your flower.
5. Fill in the parts of your flower with the papers you've found, trying to leave no white spaces left.



This craft will be as beautiful as you want to make it. You can choose how much time, effort, and care you put into it. The same goes for building a relationship with God or with others. It takes time, patience, and care, and when you put a lot of effort into it, you will get so much out of it!

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O O M S M S Q L I X X R N C E
N I L L S W P F N O L O X M X
T A I S J B E I X Y A O W H Y
B Q G G L U W A Q Y F T C M R
F O O T P A T H E N J S U C O
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F W Y S H Y K O F I E L D V H
T R W K Z J U P Q T T F A N T
A U M D S O I L H I Y J K B Y

Footpath

Field

Soil

Planted

Roots

Sun

Fertile

Thorns

Rocks

Farmer

Birds

Crop





"A sower went out to sow...[some] seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Matthew 13:3, 8