

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Mark 4:9

A parable is... _____.

Read **Mark 4:1-9**.

The seed fell in FOUR places. Draw a picture of each below:

The path	The rocky ground	Among thorns	Good soil

To grow a lot of grain you need three things:

A sower, some seed and _____.

Draw a picture of each:

A sower +	Some seed +	Good soil	= Grain

Who is the sower in this story?

What is the seed?

Who is the good soil?

Read **Mark 4:13-20**.

Here are some examples of how people might respond to Jesus and his message (the Word/seed). Draw a line to match each scenario with the type of ground that is described in the parable.

I heard about Jesus (his love sounded great) but when I saw that nobody liked Christians, some even hated Christians, I decided I didn't want to be a part of it anymore.

THE PATH

I heard about Jesus but I didn't really get it. I didn't try to understand or ask any more questions. I'm not sure if you can ever know what the truth is...

THE ROCKY GROUND

I heard about Jesus. I didn't understand everything he said but I kept learning about him and asking questions. I prayed to him. I asked him to help me to understand and trust him.

THORNS

I heard about Jesus but I wanted to watch TV and play games instead of going to church. All I thought about was what I wanted to wear and get for Christmas. Now I don't really pray or read anymore.

GOOD SOIL

Jesus' disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying at first. But he explained it to them.

We can do the same thing. Do you have questions? Are you unsure about Jesus?

Be encouraged to pray and ask him for help. He will help you understand what you need. He will help you trust him, even when you do not understand.

We can rest in his promise and his timing. **“And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”** Mark 4:8

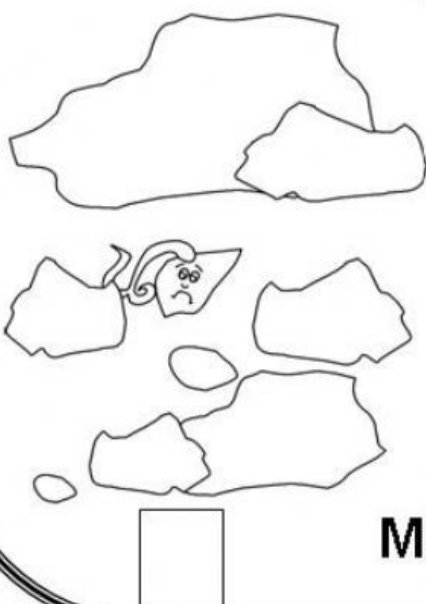
According to this verse, what is promised to us if we follow Jesus?

We all need Jesus' help to be the good soil and to listen to him. What can you ask him for help with today?

Maybe you are being a bit like the rocky ground and do not want to face difficulty because of your faith. Maybe you are like the path and you have given up trying to know Jesus. Maybe like the thorns, you have become distracted by things on this earth that will not last.

Hopefully, you will want to be like the good soil. That listens to Jesus and keeps trusting him.

Sequence the *Parable of the Sower*
and colour it.



Mark 4 : 1 - 9

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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

PLANTS	SCORCH	FARMER	THORNS	CROP
WITHER	BIRDS	ROOT	CHOKE	SOIL
FELL	PARABLE	SCATTER	SEED	GREW
ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH



The Parable of the Sower

The twelve disciples asked Jesus the meaning of his story about the sower. Jesus explained that it was a story about how people listen to God's message in different ways. The are the message of God's love. The four kinds of onto which the seeds fall are the different ways in which people listen.

The seeds on the are like the people who don't really understand the message and pay no to it.

The seeds on the rocky soil are like the people who listen carefully but quickly give up when things become

The seeds on the ground are like the people who hear the message but then forget about it because their lives are so

The seeds on the soil are like the people who understand God's message and act upon it. They lead good lives and care for other people.

good	thorny	footpath	shallow
busy	seeds	soil	difficult
attention			