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Lesson No. 3 Parables - The Sower

Read

Mark 4: 1-20

Key Verse

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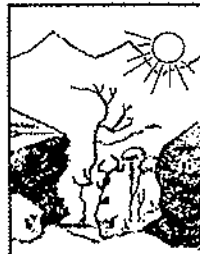


It was a lovely day and the crowds had gathered in a beautiful spot beside the Sea of Galilee. They were all eager to hear more of the wonderful teaching of the Lord Jesus. As they pushed closer, the Lord Jesus asked one of the fishermen to let Him use his boat. From the boat the Lord Jesus could speak to the crowds, and maybe on the hillside He could see, as He spoke, a farmer sowing his seed.

Describe IN YOUR OWN WORDS the four types of soil where the seeds fell AND the four different things which the Lord Jesus said happened to the seeds. The pictures will help you.



(Verse 4)



(Verses 5 and 6)



(Verse 7)



(Verse 8)

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The Lord Jesus emphasized how important the parable was, but the disciples could not understand its real meaning, so He explained it to them.

Take the first letter of each object to discover what the Lord Jesus said the seed represented.



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This is another way of describing the Bible. When we read or hear something from the Bible, it's like a seed being sown in our minds and hearts.

Sometimes when we have listened, the seed, or the Word, is taken away from us.



Write next to the bird who it is that takes God's Word from our minds and hearts.

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WORD PUZZLE

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

To learn about the next type of soil, complete the missing words AND circle them in the Word Puzzle. They are hidden across, up, down and diagonally.

The seed was s _ _ _ .

The ground was hard because it was r _ _ _ .

The Word was r _ _ _ _ _ with j _ _ .

It soon died because it had no r _ _ _ .

The plant lived only a short t _ _ _ .

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The Lord Jesus wanted the disciples to understand that some people are very enthusiastic at first about following Him, but they soon give up when the problems start.

The third kind of soil stands for people who won't give the Bible and the Lord Jesus first place in their lives. Look at verses 18 and 19 and answer TRUE or FALSE to explain why these people did not respond to God's Word:-

They had too many worries or cares.

They never heard God's Word.

They thought too much of their money and other possessions.

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Therefore the Word of God is 'choked' in their lives and it makes no difference to them.

The real harvest came from the final type of soil.

Write out the Key Verse to find what we have to do to see the effect of God's Word in our lives.

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Every person responds to God's Word in some way. But it is only as we read His Word, listen to it and with the help of the Lord Jesus apply it in our lives, that there will be a pleasing 'harvest' (or result) for Him. How often do you read the Bible and which type of soil are you?

For teacher's remarks

Total
20