



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 5, Lesson 24

The Sower

Lesson Aim: To understand why some believe God's Word and some do not.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite flower?

GAME: Rock, Soil, Seed

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Read Worship Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:3.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE SEED AND THE GROUND

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Today, we will hear the Parable of the Sower. A sower is a farmer who scatters seed. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 8:4-8, 11-15. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 8:15. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GOD'S WORD AND OUR HEARTS

Good fruit stands for good actions and attitudes that please God and build His kingdom! What are some choices you can make that build God's Kingdom? (Acts of sharing, giving, encouraging others, etc.) **What are some attitudes you can show that build God's Kingdom?** (Being cheerful, positive, forgiving, etc.)

What is a sower? (A farmer who spreads seed by tossing it on the ground so it will grow.) **In this parable, who does the sower represent?** (God.) **What do you think the seed represent?** (God's Word, the Bible.) **Like the sower spreads seed, God spreads His Word everywhere.**

Seed that falls on the path is trampled and eaten by birds. Some seed does not grow well because it falls on rocky soil. What happens to a plant that tries to grow on a rock? (It withers because its roots cannot go deep and it cannot get enough water.) **Jesus compares this to one who hears God's Word and is glad at first, but is no longer interested in God once troubles come.**

Some seed falls among the thorns. What happens to a plant growing among thorns? (It gets choked out or covered by the thorns.) **In the same way, some people hear God's Word but do not grow in their faith (grow closer to God) because they focus on their own worries, riches, and pleasures. What distracts you from focusing on God? Can you give an example of a time when focusing on your worries, riches, or pleasures distracted you from growing in faith?**

The good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart who hear the Word, remember it, and by persevering produce a crop. To persevere is to keep trying. In this case, it means to keep trying to obey God's Word and build His kingdom. If we ask, God will help us grow in understanding. He will help us obey His Word. When we do that, we make choices that help build God's kingdom. We are like a plant that bears good fruit!

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CHRIST CONNECTION:

Hundreds of years before Jesus told this parable, the psalmist asked for God's help in understanding and following His Word. Reveal Psalm 119:34-37. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Our faith grows as we understand and follow God's Word. What do you find difficult as you try to understand and follow God's Word? How might praying the words of this psalm help you grow in your faith? THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Sower Kingdom Parable Sticker
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #24
- OFFERING OF ART: Seed falling on different types of ground
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Fruit of the Soil

GAME: Sow That Seed

CRAFT: Parable Wind Chimes–The Sower

BONUS PARABLE: The Growing Seed

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Color Decode, The Wave
KINGDOM PARABLE REVIEW