



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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

Jesus told this parable to teach the different things that may happen when we hear God's Word. What is God's Word? (The Bible.)

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

Seed that falls on the path is eaten by birds. Some seed falls on rocky soil. Can a seed grow deep roots in rocky soil? (No.) **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. Can a plant grow well when thorns grow up all around it? (No.) **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. 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!

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, happy when others succeed.)

If time allows, play the "Sow That Seed" game located in the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Why do you think God gives us His Word, the Bible? Let's see what Moses said. Reveal Deuteronomy 30:14. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Moses was reminding the people God had given His Word to them so they could follow and obey it. It's the same for us! God's Word is not too far away for us to find it or get it for ourselves. That's why we read the Bible for ourselves and memorize Bible verses.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: The Sower Kingdom Parable Sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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