

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 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 are learning about the Parable of the Sower. A sower is a farmer who scatters seed. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 8:4-8, 11-15. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GOD'S WORD AND OUR HEARTS

Jesus told the Parable of the Sower to teach us the different things that may happen when people hear God's Word. What is God's Word? (The Bible.)

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.

The seed falls on different types of ground. Seed that falls on the path is trampled and eaten by birds. Some seed does not grow well because it lands on rocky or thorny soil. Can a seed grow deep roots in rocky soil? (No.) Can a plant grow well when thorns grow up all around it? (No.) In the same way, some people hear God's Word and are happy about it at first, but when times get hard or when they get busy, they no longer believe or try to obey His Word.

When a seed lands on good soil, it can grow into a plant that grows good fruit; that is called bearing fruit. In the same way, when someone who has a good and noble heart hears God's Word, that person will listen and try to obey God's Word. 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, worshiping, praying, helping.) 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? (Children respond.) Let's check out what Moses said about that. Reveal Deuteronomy 30:14. 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: 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