



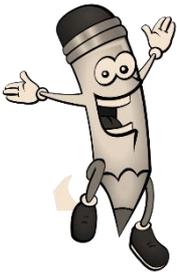
Quiet Time

May 15-21, 2022

Matthew 13:23 (ESV)

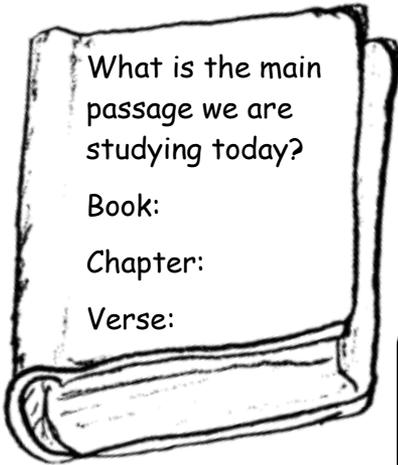
As for what was sown on good soil,
this is the one who hears the word and understands it.
He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a
hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Soils



Sermon notes

As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



Title of Sermon:

What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?



Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something that you heard in the sermon today.

Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____
but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is... _____

_____ ...changes the way I...

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Soils - Monday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Matthew 13:1-3, 13-15

Matthew talks a lot about Jesus “fulfilling prophecy”, which proves that Jesus is the promised Messiah. What Old Testament book prophesies about Jesus’ teaching (v 14)? _____ Where can you find this prophecy? Ezekiel 36:26-27 Jeremiah 23:5-6 Isaiah 6:9-10

In today’s verses, Jesus is teaching a group of people using “parables”. Look up “parable” in your Bible’s Glossary and write what it is here:

Jesus used normal, everyday things in life to explain truths about God’s kingdom. For those who wanted to repent of their sins, the parables helped them to understand more about God. But for those who did NOT want to repent of their sins, these parables were used to hide the truth. God is sovereign and shows Himself to whom He chooses.

How does *verse 15* describe their eyes, ears and hearts?

Eyes	barely hear
Ears	dull
Hearts	closed

Because their hearts were “dull” (stubborn/proud), the Jews chose to ignore Jesus’ teachings, like closing their eyes and plugging their ears. They didn’t want to repent of their sin. Jesus still challenged the crowds to humble themselves and ask Him to take away their sin.

Application:

Have you ever ignored what your parents asked you to do? _____

That is NOT good, but it’s even worse to ignore what God teaches us in His Word. Ask God to help you listen and obey His voice!

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Soils - Tuesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Matthew 13:3-9*

In the parable of the soils, Jesus described a common sight in ancient Palestine: a man scattering seed to grow food.



The life of the plant and the amount of food grown depended on where the seed fell. Since the seed was thrown by hand, it fell on four different kinds of dirt. What were the four kinds of dirt?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Four different things happened to the seeds, as well. Match the picture with the kinds of dirt where the seeds fell.



Good Dirt



Thorny Dirt



Rocky Dirt



Hard Road Dirt

Application:

The seeds in the story are a picture of God's Word, and the different kinds of dirt are a picture of how different kinds of people respond to God's Word. Ask God to help you understand what kind of dirt you are as you study this story. *Ezekiel 36:26 (ESV)* — *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of s_____ from your flesh and give you a heart of f_____.*

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Soils - Wednesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

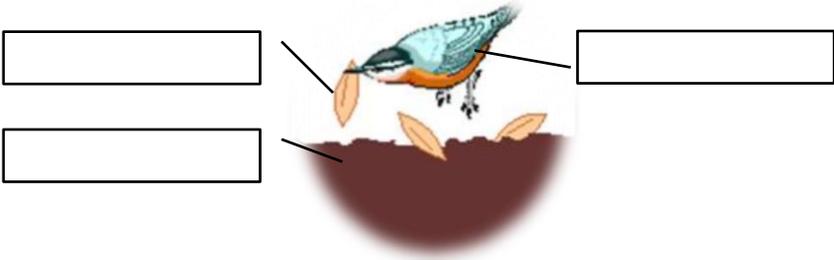
Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Matthew 13:3-4, 18-19

The “word of the kingdom” is the good news of how to enter God’s kingdom through faith and repentance. The first response to the good news was a refusal to believe and repent.



Label this picture that shows the first response using these words: *the Word* — *Satan* — *Heart*



Application:

Those who respond in unbelief don’t care to understand the Gospel. Their minds won’t submit to God’s truth, and Satan aids their unbelief by taking away any truth that was there.

2 Corinthians 4:3–4 ^(ESV) – And even if our _____ is veiled, it is veiled to those who are _____. In their case the god of this world has _____ the minds of the _____, to keep them from _____ the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Do you enjoy learning about the gospel of Jesus Christ? _____

Do you want God to give you understanding of His truth? _____

Are you walking in faith and repentance? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Soils - Thursday

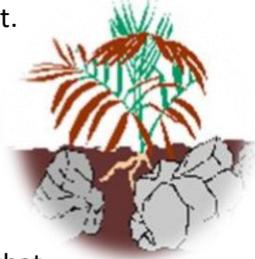
➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Matthew 13:5-7, 20-22*

The 2nd and 3rd responses picture people who say they are Christ's disciples and even try to live like His disciples but are still lost in their sins because they eventually die away without fruit.

The 2nd seed sprouted quickly but died just as quickly in the sun. Although this person confesses Christ and pretends to act like a Christian, he shows the true nature of his heart as soon as life doesn't go as planned.



The 3rd response is similar in that this person also pretends to be a Christian. But the true nature of his heart is shown when he is asked to give up something he likes.

Both love the world more than God and would rather live life their own way than bow down to Christ as King.

True OR False Neither one of these seeds grew fruit.

Application:

John 15:5-6 (ESV) – I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever _____ in me and I in him, he it is that _____ much _____, for apart from me you can do _____. If anyone does not _____ in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

According to *John 15:5-6*, what kind of person bears fruit? _____

Do others see the fruit of the Spirit in you (*Galatians 5:22-24*)? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Soils – Friday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Matthew 13:8, 23*

The 4th seed is a picture of one who responds to God’s Word with faith and repentance. He hears the Word. He understands the Word. He believes the Word, and he responds to the Word turning from his sin to walk in Jesus’ righteousness.

Everyone is born as bad dirt where the seed of God’s Word cannot grow. But God changes a man’s heart so that he becomes good ground and can respond in repentant faith.

Ezekiel 36:26–27 (ESV) —²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

What does the seed in the good dirt grow?

- a. Thorns
- b. Zucchini
- c. Christmas trees
- d. Fruit... of the Spirit



Application:

How can you tell if your heart is “good dirt”?

- a. Your skin turns into mud.
- b. Your ears can hear a bee sneeze.
- c. Your eyes have x-ray vision.
- d. You think and act a lot like Jesus thinks and acts.

2 Peter 1:5–9 (ESV) – Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love...if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being...unstable in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...whoever lacks these qualities is... backward...

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Soils - Saturday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Matthew 13:10-13, 16-17

Different people will respond to God's Word in different ways. Those whose life displays true faith and obedience to Christ WILL live and WILL bear fruit of Jesus' righteousness in their lives. Those whose life lacks this fruitfulness will be judged by their sin because there is no life.

You have been given the gift of being taught God's Word, and you have your own copy of God's Word. But, do you read it and understand it?

Are you growing in your understanding of who God is? YES NO

Is it your desire to know God and His Word better? YES NO

Would it be ok with you if you never heard or understood another Bible story? YES NO

Do your spiritual eyes see the truth of God's Word? YES NO

Do your spiritual ears hear the truth of God's Word? YES NO

Would your friends say that you have a desire to know and obey God's Word? YES NO

Would your parents say that you have a desire to know and obey God's Word? YES NO

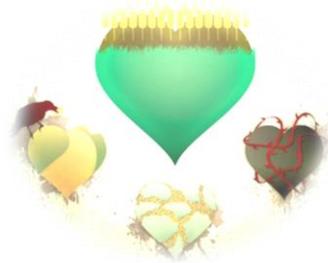
You may fool every other person in the world, but GOD knows the truth about your heart. What kind of dirt would God say you have in your heart?

Hard road dirt

Thorny dirt

Rocky dirt

Good dirt



Just as the blind and deaf people that Jesus healed asked for help, call out to God in faith that He might give you spiritual eyes that see!

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Prayer Journal

Honor God with your praises and respect

Examine your life for sin and confess it to God

Ask God to supply for your personal needs

Request God's help for the needs of others

Thank God for blessing you every day

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Gray Road Baptist Church, Children's Ministries

This quiet time lesson was written to coincide with the Generations of Grace Sunday School curriculum. The daily lessons represented are in conjunction with the teacher's manual to provide a fluid, consistent message to your children both in Sunday school and in their private devotions.

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THE PRAISE FACTORY

Join us on Wednesday nights - 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Last Night & Kids' Store - May 18

UNIT #9: Jesus Christ: Immanuel, God with Us

Unit #9 Question: What did Jesus come to do?

Unit #9 Answer: Jesus came to bring us to God.

Unit #9 Verse: *1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)*

What did Jesus come to do?

Big Idea #41 Answer: Jesus came to be the Servant King.

Big Idea #41 Verse: *John 6:38*

Big Idea #42 Answer: Jesus came to be the Obedient Son.

Big Idea #42 Verse: *Hebrews 4:14-15*

Big Idea #43 Answer: Jesus came to be the Amazing Teacher.

Big Idea #43 Verse: *John 6:68-69*

Big Idea #44 Answer: Jesus came to be the Ruler of all creation.

Big Idea #44 Verse: *Luke 8:24-25*

Big Idea #45 Answer: Jesus came to be the Lord over life & death.

Big Idea #45 Verse: *Revelation 1:17-18*

Big Idea #46 Answer: Jesus came to forgive sins.

Big Idea #46 Verse: *Romans 4:7-8*

Big Idea #47 Answer: Jesus came to be the Christ.

Big Idea #47 Verse: *Matthew 16:15-16*

Big Idea #48 Answer: Jesus came to show God's glory.

Big Idea #48 Verse: *John 1:14*

Big Idea #49 Answer: Jesus came to be the ransom for sinners.

Big Idea #49 Verse: *1 Corinthians 15:55-57*

Big Idea #50 Answer: Jesus came to conquer death.

Big Idea #50 Verse: *Luke 24:5-6*

Big Idea #51 Answer: Jesus came to be the firstborn of the resurrection.

Big Idea #51 Verse: *Colossians 1:18*

Big Idea #52 Answer: Jesus came to be the reigning Son in Heaven.

Big Idea #52 Verse: *Philippians 2:9-11*

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.