

The Sower



You can colour this picture.



From the Bible

Jesus said:

“A farmer went out to plant his seed. He scattered the seed on the ground. Some fell on a path. Birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky places, where there wasn’t much soil. The plants came up quickly, because the soil wasn’t deep. When the sun came up, it burned the plants. They dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and crowded out the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It produced a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than what was planted.

Matthew chapter 13 verses 3-8 (New International Reader’s Version)

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you watch this story on the computer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbe3wggNiLk>

? To think about

What do you think the seeds represent?

I wonder who the farmer is?

If you were the farmer, what would you think about the things that happened to the seeds?

What did the farmer do with everything he harvested?

Jesus told his disciples what this parable represented, you can read about it in Matthew chapter 13, verses 18-23



Craft Activity

Mosaic Picture

You will need:

- A variety of seeds
- Dried grasses and leaves
- Card
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pens, crayons or paints

Use the different leaves, seeds and grasses to make a picture of what Jesus’ story means for you.



Outdoor Activity Suggestions

Planting

Could you plant some spring bulbs in a pot or in the garden?

Maybe you could put them into different sorts of soil and see which one's grow best.

Perhaps you could plant them in a pattern.

You can also grow bulbs balancing in a vase of water then you can see the roots grow too. (<https://www.wikihow.com/Force-Tulip-Bulbs-in-Water>)



To think about

What does a seed or a bulb need to grow?

Where does it start growing?

What's the last thing to grow?

Feeding the birds

The birds in Jesus' story enjoyed eating the seed. As winter approaches many birds need extra food.

Could you make a bird feeder to hang outside your window?

Here are some suggestions for making a bird feeder.

http://treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_cookie_cutter_bird_feeder.pdf

http://treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_simple_birdseed_feeder.pdf



Building Block Challenge

How tall can you make your building 'grow'? How could you make it stronger?

Song

It's a new new day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVsmwrNWphI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI9mOJmYmzo>

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you sing along to this song on the computer.

Prayer

Father God,
Thank you that we grow and change.
Help us to learn more and more about you and grow closer to you.
Amen.

(Amen just means 'I agree' in the language that Jesus spoke.)

? Puzzle

Find the words hidden in the word search.

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

SOWER
SEED
THORN
ROCKS
ROOT
WITHER
GRAIN
SOIL
WORD
KINGDOM

Fit the nine letters from 'sunflower' into the gaps below. Cross them off as you use them.



Jes _ s told th _ m a st _ ry
about a farme _ who sowed
_ots of seeds. Some of them
_ell on bad ground, and died.
But all the seed o _ good
ground gre _ tall and _ trong