

Sunday 12th July 2020
The Parable of the Sower

Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.



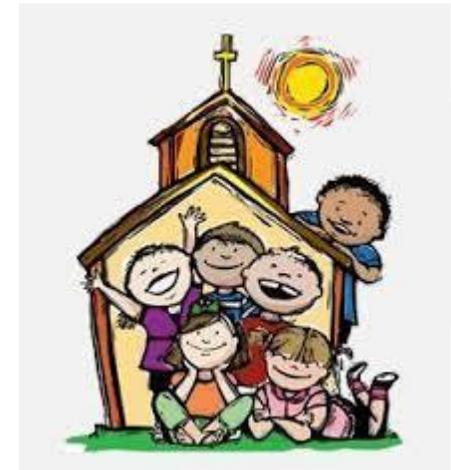
Make the Sign of the Cross

Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Matthew...

Jesus told the crowds this parable: 'One day, a farmer went out to sow some seeds in his field. As he scattered the seeds some fell on the stony path at the edge of the field where birds flew down and gobbled them up. Some seeds fell on rocky ground where they began to grow but there was not enough soil for them and the heat from the sun shriveled them up. Other seeds fell amongst the weeds. The weeds grew around them and tangled them until they died. Some of the seeds landed on the farmer's best soil and grew into strong, healthy plants.'

Jesus explained the meaning of this parable to the crowds. He said, 'The seeds are what I teach you about God. Some people hear the words but do not understand. This is the seed which falls on the stony path. Some people welcome what I say and try to follow me but give up easily. They are like to seeds which grow on the rocky ground - they start to grow but then stop. Some people hear my message but are too bothered with other things to really listen. They are like the seeds caught amongst the weeds - other thoughts overcome them and they cannot grow. But the seed which falls on the good soil is like those who hear my message, listen to it and understand it. They will grow strong.'



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Respond Together...

- Can you remember the different places the seeds fell in the story?
- What did Jesus mean when he talked about the seeds? He meant that the seeds were the Good News, the message that Jesus came to share with us. It's important we listen to the Good News and try follow it as best we can.
- Some people don't listen to Jesus. Some people do but soon give up because it is hard. Some people listen, understand and try very hard to do as Jesus asked us. Which do of these do you think you should try to do each day?
- If we listen to God's word and try our very best to understand it by asking our grown ups for help then Jesus tells us that God's love will grow in our hearts. We can then spread that love to other people!

Pray Together...

Lord Jesus, help us to listen and to try to understand your message so that our hearts and lives will be filled with your love. Amen.

