

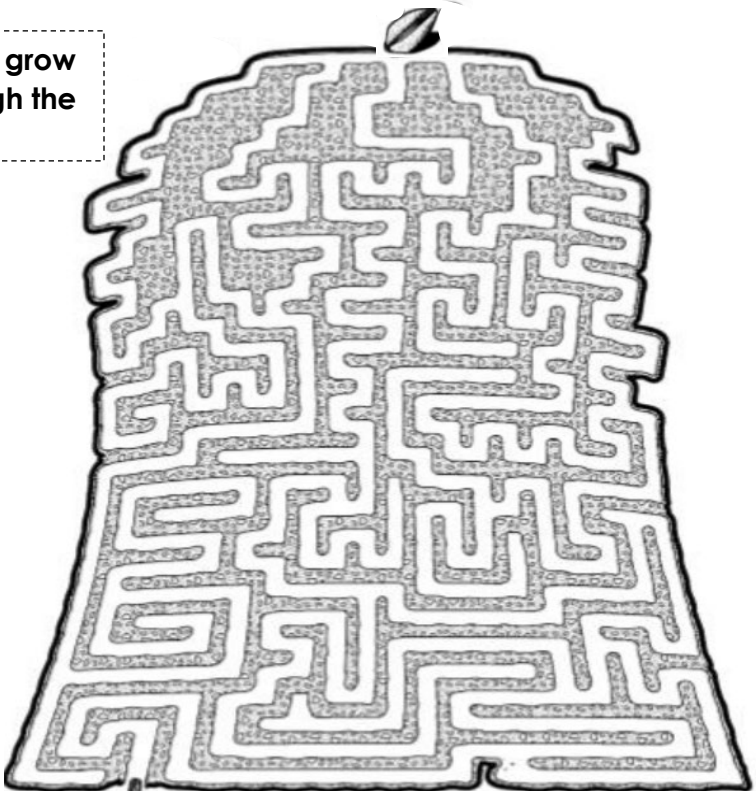


October 15, 2023

Today's Reading:
Luke 8:1-21

Today, at church I learned:

Help the seed grow
its roots through the
soil.



FINISH

As Jesus traveled around the countryside with his disciples, large crowds gathered around him to hear him teach. He often taught them by using parables. A parable is a story that Jesus made up to help people understand what he wanted to teach them. Today, we are looking at the Parable of the Sower. It is the story of a man who planted seeds in the field.



Some of the seeds fell on the hard path where birds came and ate them all up.



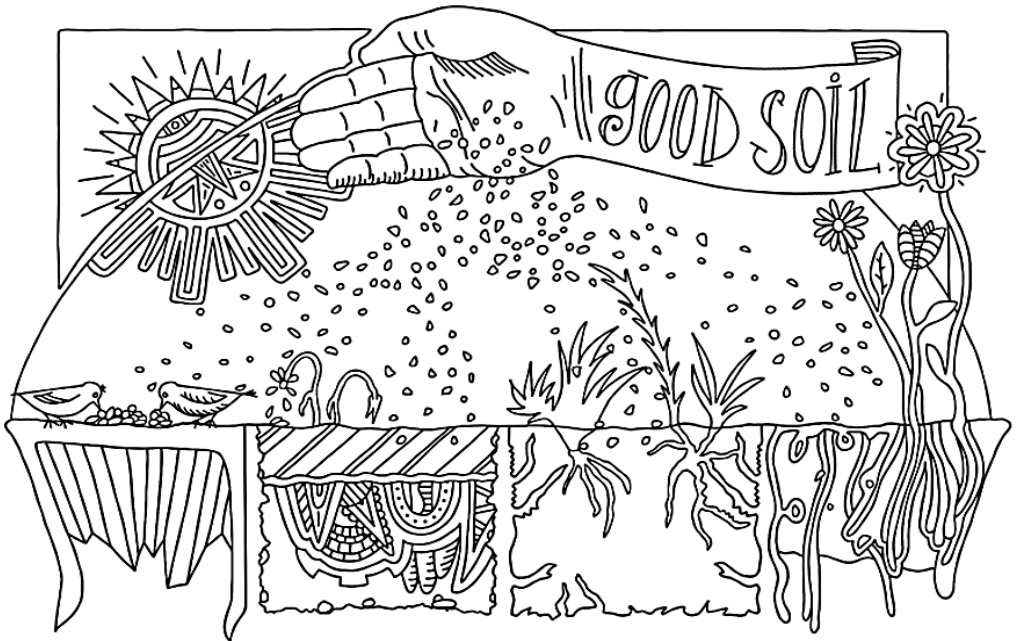
Some of the seeds fell on soil full of rocks. There was very little soil here so the seeds could not put down roots to become strong and healthy. When it became hot those plants withered and died.



Some other seeds fell on soil that had been taken over by weeds and thorns. The weeds grew faster and taller than the plants from the seeds, so they choked out the plants that the Sower wanted to grow.



Lastly, some seeds fell on good soil that had been plowed, fertilized, and weeded to make a good place for the seed to grow. Those seeds made healthy plants,



PLANTS SCORCH FARMER THORNS CROP WITHER BIRDS
 CHOKE SOIL FELL PARABLE SCATTER SEED GREW
 SHALLOW GOOD SOW PATH ROOT ROCKY

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

The seed that the Sower is planting represents the teachings of God's Word. Our heart represents the soil where the Sower planted the seeds.

Sometimes we hear the Word of God and our heart is hard because we are angry or bitter. The teaching falls on hard ground and never grows.

Other times we hear the Word of God and get excited but our understanding is too shallow so the excitement fades, like the rocky soil.

Sometimes we hear God's Word and we believe what it says but want to keep doing the same things we have been doing. Even when it doesn't agree with God's Word. Like planting the seed in the weeds. You can bet those weeds will take over!

But what about the good soil? What does that look like in our life?
Add the numbers in the Key box to get the code number for each letter. Then solve the puzzle.

KEY:

A 17 + 34 = _____

E 28 + 44 = _____

I 39 + 57 = _____

O 16 + 65 = _____

U 62 + 37 = _____

B 41 + 38 = _____

D 24 + 33 = _____

F 47 + 29 = _____

G 24 + 58 = _____

H 41 + 25 = _____

L 23 + 15 = _____

N 29 + 49 = _____

R 22 + 11 = _____

S 55 + 34 = _____

T 29 + 16 = _____

W 44 + 26 = _____

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