

The Sower and the Seed

Adapted from Mark 4:3-9

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Time = almost 4 minutes

Readability = grade 1.8 (grade 1.1 replacing “Narrator” with “Nat”)

Cast (6+):

Narrator 1	Seed 1
Narrator 2 (optional)	Seed 2
Man	Seed 3
	Seed 4

Suggestions:

1. Use choral reading groups for the seeds if you want to include your whole class.
2. Actions are not required, but if you decide to use them, remember BTA means Back to Audience (i.e., the reader turns his/her back to the audience).

Vocabulary:

sow	sprouting	gentlemen
(humming)	cute	terrific
(whistling)	faint	(seriously)
planting	thorns	dehydration
scattered	neighbors	
shadows	strange	
something	(suspiciously)	
wrong	amazing	
gobbled	ladies	

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Narrator 1: Once there was a man who went out to sow some seeds.

Man: (*humming or whistling*) Today's a great day for planting these seeds!

Narrator 2: As he scattered the seeds some fell along the path.

Seed 1: Yipee! What a great path! This will be a great place to grow!

Narrator 1: But, it wasn't a great place to grow.

Seed 1: (*looks around*) Hey, what are these shadows? The sun's out, but there's nothing to make a shadow. There's something wrong here. (pause) Oh no, birds!

Narrator 1: And the birds came and gobbled up all the seeds along the path.

Seed 1: Help! (*drops head or BTA*)

Narrator 2: Some seeds fell on rocky ground where there wasn't much soil.

Seed 2: Hey, look at me! I'm sprouting! Ha, ha! I even have little roots! Aren't they cute? What a great place to grow!

Narrator 1: But it wasn't a great place to grow.

Seed 2: Boy, that sun is hot! Whew! I'm feeling faint. I wish there weren't so many rocks. Then I could get my roots down deeper. *(pants)* Water! Water!

Narrator 1: Because the sun was so hot and the roots so small, the plant dried up.

Seed 2: *(small voice.)* Help! *(drops head or BTA)*

Narrator 2: Some seeds fell among the thorns.

Seed 3: *(looks around)* Wow! This isn't bad at all. The neighbors look a little strange, but that's okay. I can deal with that. What a great place to grow!

Narrators: But, it wasn't a great place to grow.

Seed 3: *(looks around suspiciously)* I'm growing, *(pause)* but these neighbors don't look very friendly. In fact, they look meaner every day. I wonder who they are...

Narrator 1: The seed's neighbors were the thorns. And soon the thorns got so mean they **choked** the young plant.

Seed 3: Help! *(drops head or BTA)*

Narrator 2: Still, some of the seeds fell on good soil!

Seed 4: Whoa! Would you look at this place! This is amazing! There's plenty of water, good soil, and not too much sun. *(looks around)* The neighbors look friendly *(looks up)* and I don't see any birds. What a great place to grow!

Narrators: And it **was** a great place to grow.

Narrator 2: So great, in fact, that sometime later...

Seed 4: (*stands*) Ta-dah! Presenting Super Seed! Ladies and gentlemen, once I was **one** lonely seed. But now, see for yourself, I've made 30, 60 or ever a hundred more seeds! Just count them. I'm full grown and it's terrific!

Man: (*humming or whistling*)

I tossed some seeds, oh yeah,
On good rich soil.

Then pulled the weeds, oh yeah,
(*seriously*) And made sure those little seeds and sprouts
got all the water they wanted so they wouldn't faint from
dehydration!

Narrators with Seeds 1, 2, 3: (*seeds turn in to face audience*)

It really **was** a great place to grow.

All: It was a GREAT place to grow! (*bow*)



Bible References for The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:3-20, Luke 8:4-15

Curriculum Links for “The Sower and the Seed”: (Links valid March, 2021)

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/jesus/sower-activities.htm>

The Sower and the Seed anagrams, crosswords, cryptogram, mazes, word mining sheets, and word searches.

<http://missionbibleclass.org/1b0-new-testament/new-testament-part-1/parables-teachings-of-jesus/parable-of-a-sower-and-seeds/>

Lesson plan with questions and craft based on the parable of “The Sower and the Seed.”

<http://www.mywonderstudio.com/parents-and-teachers/2013/1/16/level-1-lesson-plan-treasure-gods-wordthe-parable-of-the-sow.html>

Another interpretation of the parable for kids.

You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZG-PRtuvlk&feature=related>

Children’s song “Four Little Seeds” by jazziemani, thick British accent, but clever twist & catchy tune with a slide show. 3:31

Lyrics here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/jazziemani>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJvzmBn5NcA&feature=related>

Animation of “The Parable of the Sower”—few words. Clever. 2:28

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hz8KJrgC20k>

“The Parable of the Four Soils” video slide show with narration for older students. 2:17

