

Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9) Preschool Bible Lesson

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This lesson teaches children about salvation using the parable of the sower. Jesus used parables to teach his disciples about The Kingdom of God. This lesson will be best utilized in a Sunday school or a kid's church setting however it could also be used at a preschool.

Objective: To give children an understanding about salvation

Targeted Age Group: Preschool

Activity: The week before this lesson ask the parents to bring baby picture and current picture of the children in your class. As the activity for this week show them the baby pictures and current pictures and talk about how much they have grown.

Worship: Please note that if you do not have copies of these songs then you can find them on YouTube for free.

- Jesus Loves Me
- My Day (Veggie Tales)
- Forever Reign (Praise Baby)

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving each one of us. Help us to know you and always fallow in your way. We trust you Jesus in everything! Help us to have fun in Sunday school today and to learn lots. Amen.

Lesson Reinforcements: Have the fallowing items hidden and reveal them at the appropriate time during the lesson.

- A toy bird (or a picture of a bird if you do not have a toy)
- A glass filled with rocks
- A flashlight (to represent the sun)
- A picture of thorns
- A house plant and a cup of good soil

Preschool Bible Lesson: The Parable of the Sower

Does anybody know what a seed does? (give them time to answer). That is right, a seed is what grows into a plant, but a seed needs certain conditions to help it grow. A seed needs lots of light, a seed needs enough water, and a seed needs good soil. Do you know what soil

is? (give them time to answer). Soil is the ground that a seed grows in. Jesus told a story about the wrong types of soil, let's read it together.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." (Matthew 13:1-9, ESV)

This story is called a parable because although it talks about seeds it is really talking about a message. The message is that anybody who believes in Jesus will be saved, but not everybody does believe in Jesus. The people who do not believe in Jesus will not enter God's Kingdom, but everybody who does believe will enter God's Kingdom.

Questions:

1. Who enters God's Kingdom? (Answer: Those who believe in Jesus)
2. Is this story about seeds? (Answer: No, it's about the message of Jesus)
3. What helps grow plants? (Answer: good soil)

Application: We should accept Jesus in our heart and believe in Him.

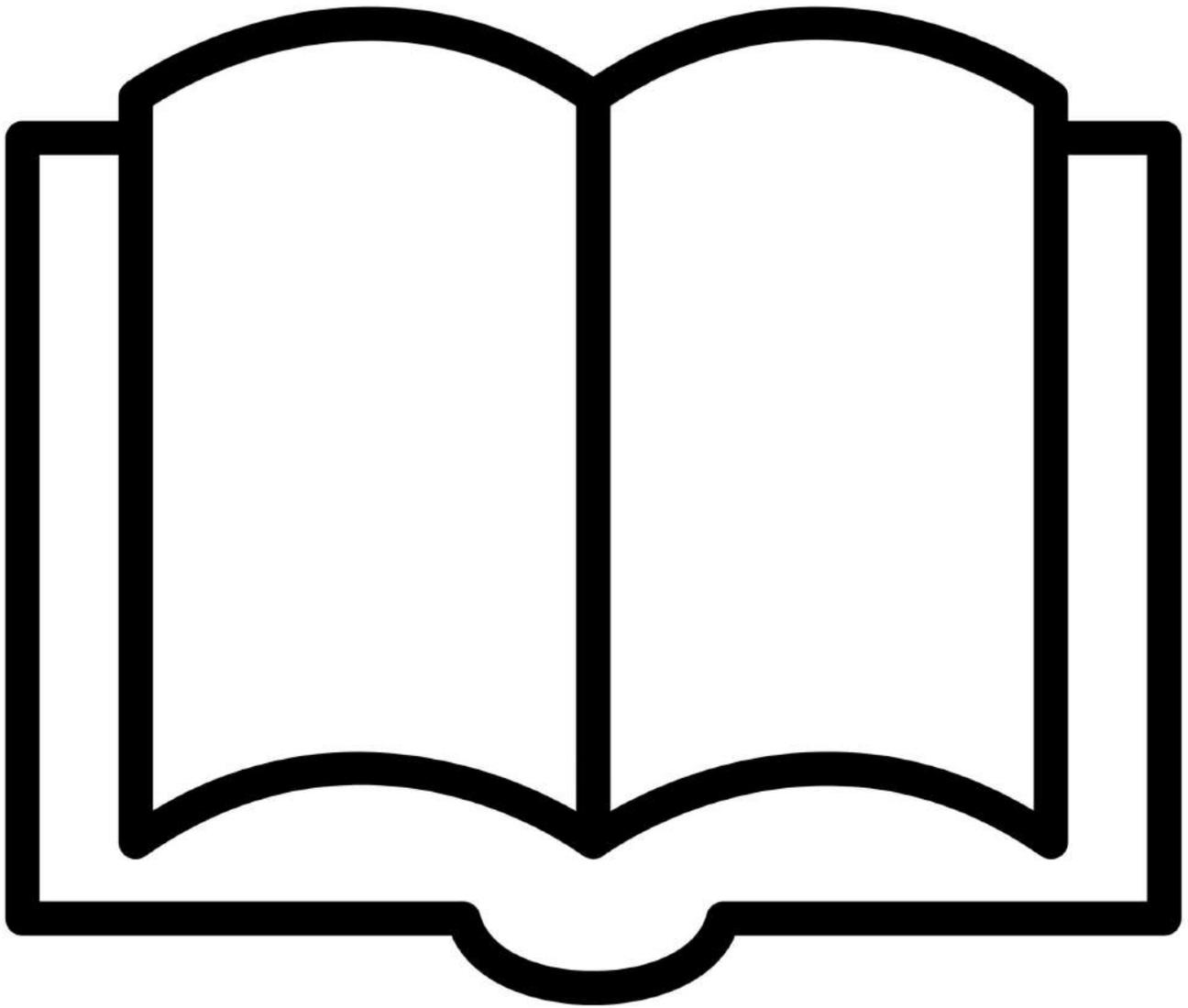
Craft: Help the kids plant seeds into either a garden or into little pots for them to take home.

Snack Suggestion: Flower shaped cookies and juice

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