

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Keeping God's word in our heart



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “The parable of the Sower: Keeping God’s word in our heart”. This is the retelling of the parable of the Sower in the book of Luke. While explaining this story to your students, it is important to emphasize the following:

- Our heart is where the seed of the word of God gets sown or planted (Luke 8:11,15).
- God wants us to obey His word and not just read or listen to it (James 1:22).
- We build our faith in God and His word by constantly listening to His word (Romans 10:17)
- A hardened, uninterested, or distracted heart can be changed into a soft, obedient heart where the word of God can grow (Hosea 10:12)

The bible references for this story are Luke 8: 4-8, 11 – 15.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. “And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

(2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This section has the retelling of the parable of the Sower. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the parable of the Sower using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

3. Story starter cards

Each of these cards has a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the parable of the Sower in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

4. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week. You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

5. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

6. Crossword puzzle
Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.
7. Maze
Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.
8. Word search
Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.
9. Word scramble
Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the word list.
10. Learn and colour
Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators. You know your child/children best; so, feel free to use language that is right for the age group you are teaching.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

We welcome any feedback you might have about using these resources. Please send an email to contact@godlypearls.com or reach out to us through our [Facebook page](#).

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The parable of the Sower: Keeping God's word in our heart

A title in the *Bible story teaching pack* by Godly Pearls

Bible References: Luke 8: 4 -8, 11-15.

You can use this resource to:

- ❖ *Discuss the parable of the Sower from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

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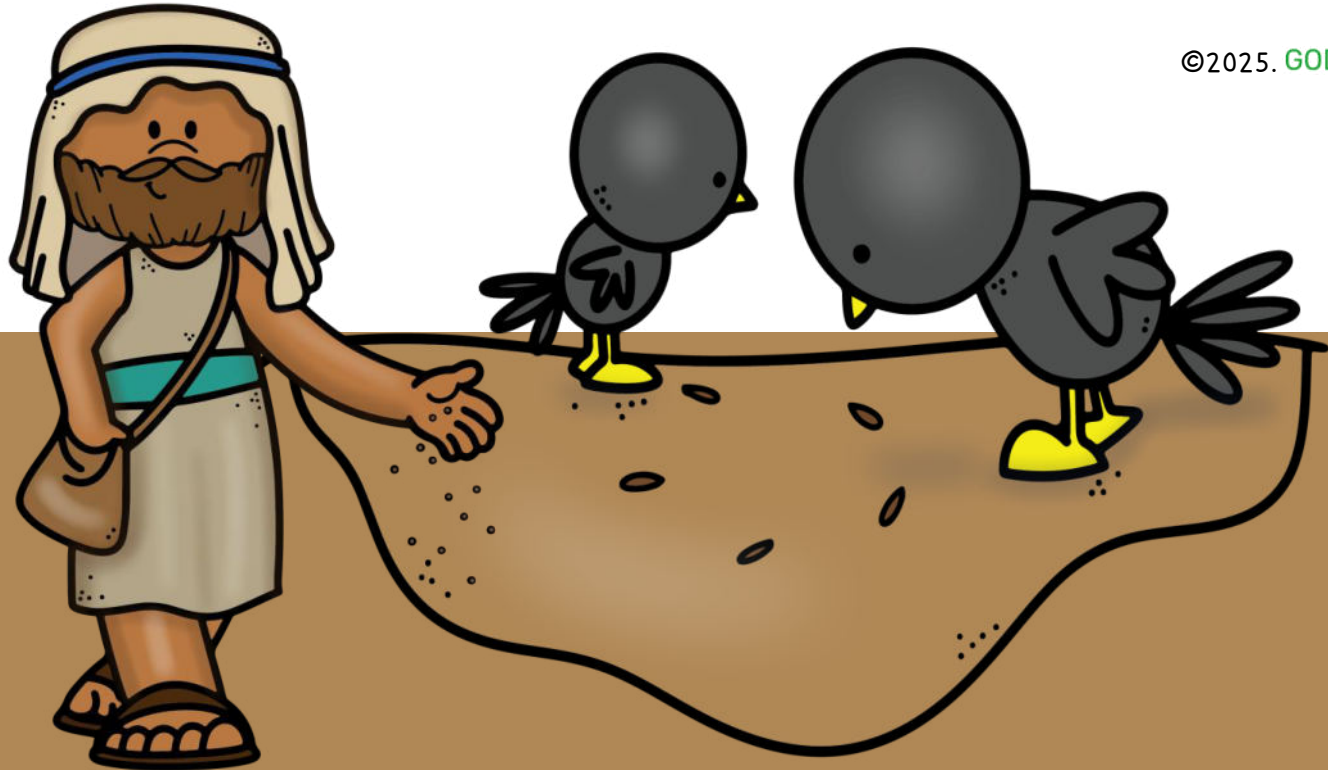
Jesus told a story to teach people about how they hear and respond to God's word. He said, "A Sower went out to sow his seed". As he scattered the seeds, they fell on different kinds of ground.

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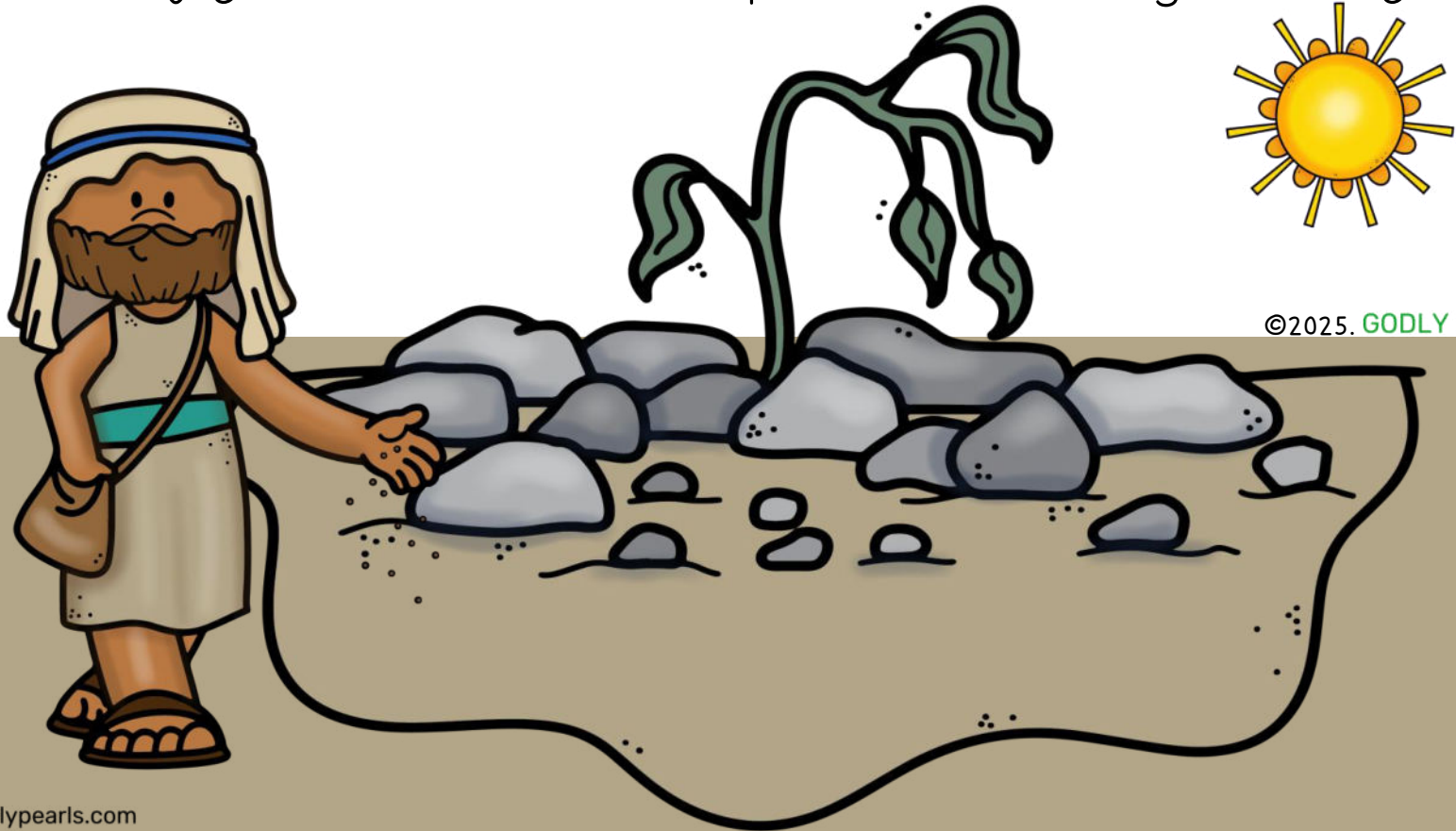


Some seeds fell by the wayside, and birds quickly ate them. Jesus explained, "Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts so that they will not believe".

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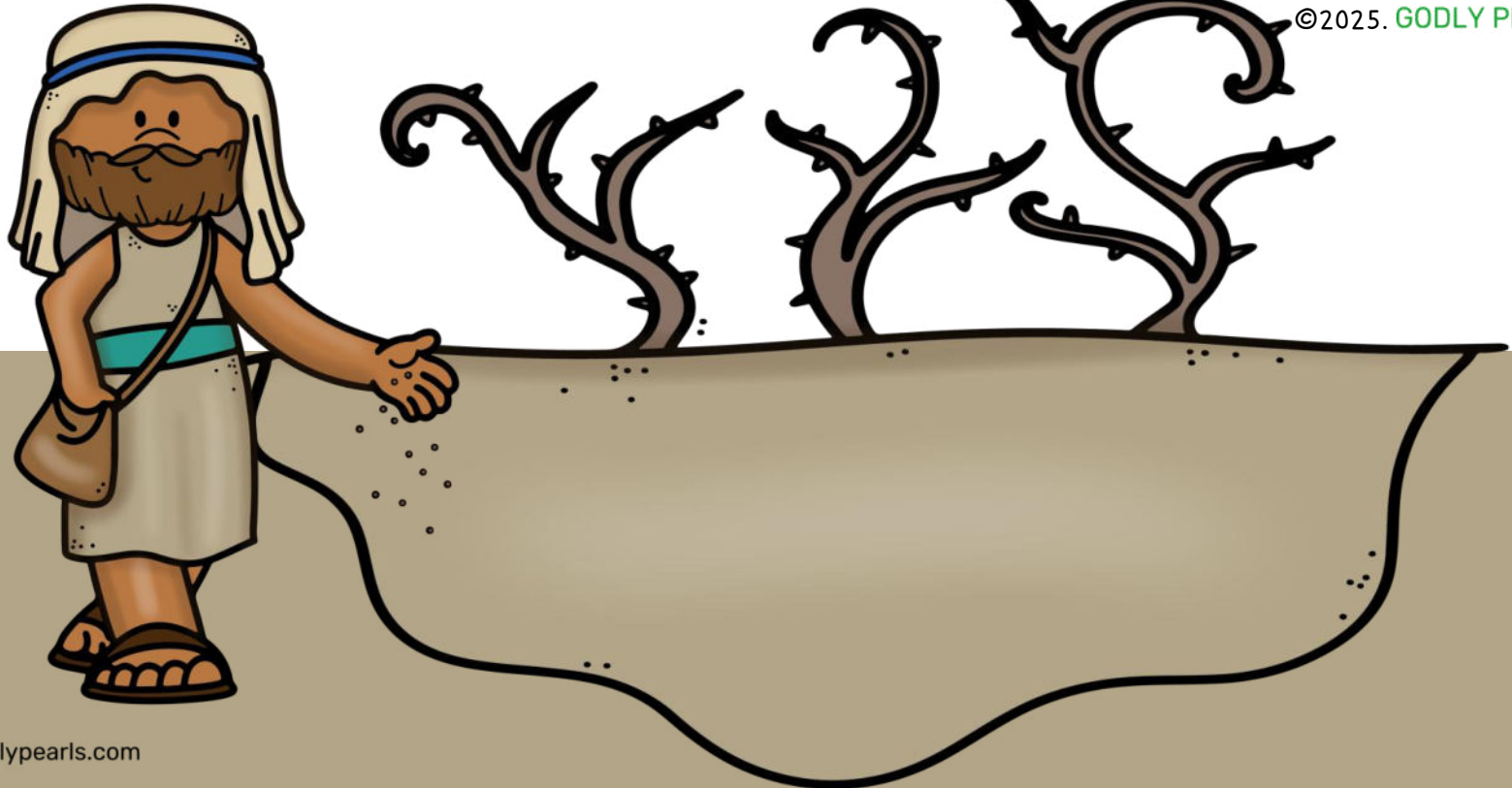
Other seeds fell on rocky ground. They started to grow but didn't have deep roots. When the sun came up, they dried up. Jesus said, "The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy... but in time of temptation and testing, fall away".



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Some seeds fell among thorns. The plants grew, but the thorns choked them, and they didn't produce fruit. Jesus explained, "The ones that fell among thorns are those who are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life". Their fruit does not grow and mature.

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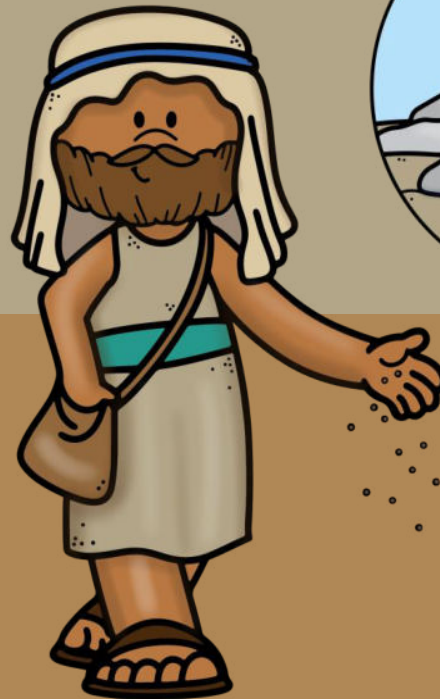
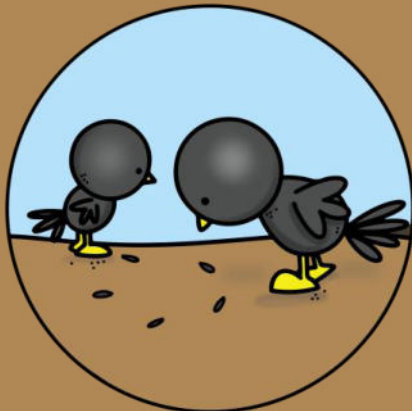
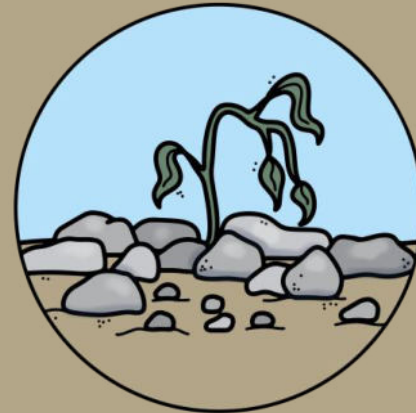
However, some seeds fell on good ground. They grew strong and produced a lot of fruit. Jesus said, “The ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a honest and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience”.

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Through this parable, Jesus taught that the seed is the word of God. Our hearts are like the soil. If we listen to God's word and keep it in our hearts, it will grow and produce good things in our lives.

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Some people stop believing God when things get tough. Their hearts are like rocky soil.



God expects us to hear the word and keep it in our hearts. He wants us to grow and bear good fruits for everyone to see.

I will grow and produce good things in my life.



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What happened to the seeds that fell by the wayside?

Why did some seeds produce a lot of fruit?

What happened to the seeds that fell among thorns?

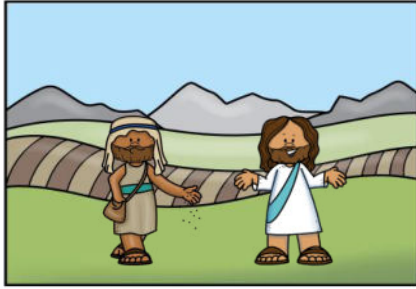
Why did the seeds that fell on rocky ground dry up?

What does the "seed" refer to in this parable?

What two things did you learn from the parable of the Sower?

1

Jesus said ...



2

Some seeds ...



3

Other seeds ...



4

Other seeds ...



5

But some seeds ...



6

This means ...



STORY STARTERS

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER – Keeping God's word in our heart

How can you “keep the word of God” in your heart ?

1

When you are getting distracted in church, how can you stay focused?

2

What are some examples of “good fruit” that you can produce in your life?

3

How can your heart become like the “good ground with good soil”?

4



I CAN MEMORIZE

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1 : 22

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I CAN PRAY

Dear God, thank You for the bible through which I can get to know You more. As I read it each day, help me to obey Your words in Jesus' name. Amen.

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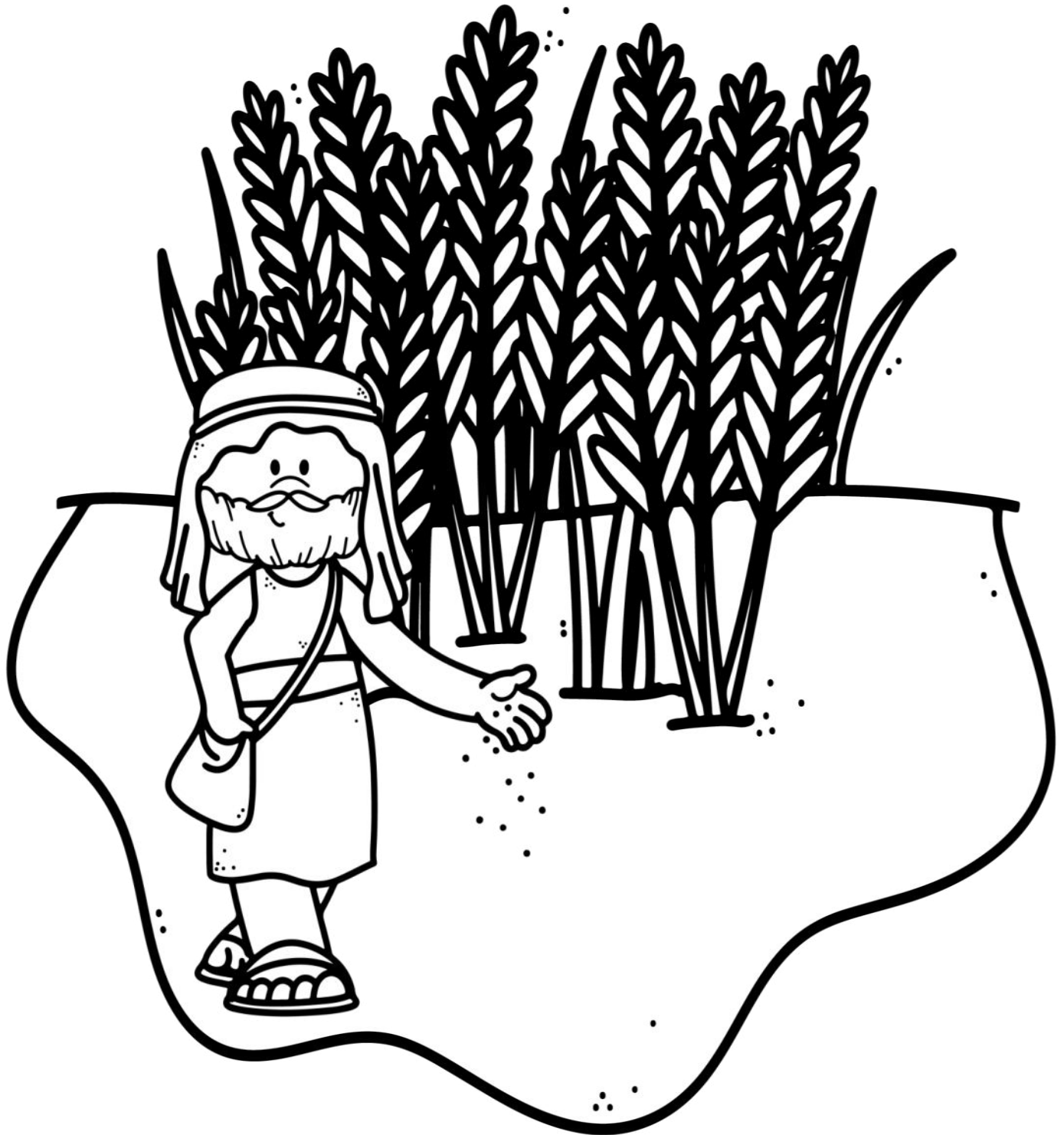
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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

g	s	t	h	o	r	n	s	l	k	h	p
w	a	y	s	i	d	e	n	r	h	n	a
d	g	r	o	u	n	d	i	k	o	z	r
z	s	t	e	k	a	x	l	i	a	f	a
f	t	e	l	t	h	e	t	c	r	i	b
l	g	c	r	m	t	a	f	u	s	f	l
w	m	o	t	u	t	a	i	u	x	j	e
k	z	t	r	p	s	k	c	b	j	m	f
f	r	f	m	m	w	a	l	s	k	e	j
n	s	e	s	r	x	i	e	i	i	c	v
a	t	d	r	e	w	o	s	l	x	v	t
y	g	z	m	j	q	d	k	t	p	r	r

Sower
Scatter
Ground
Parable



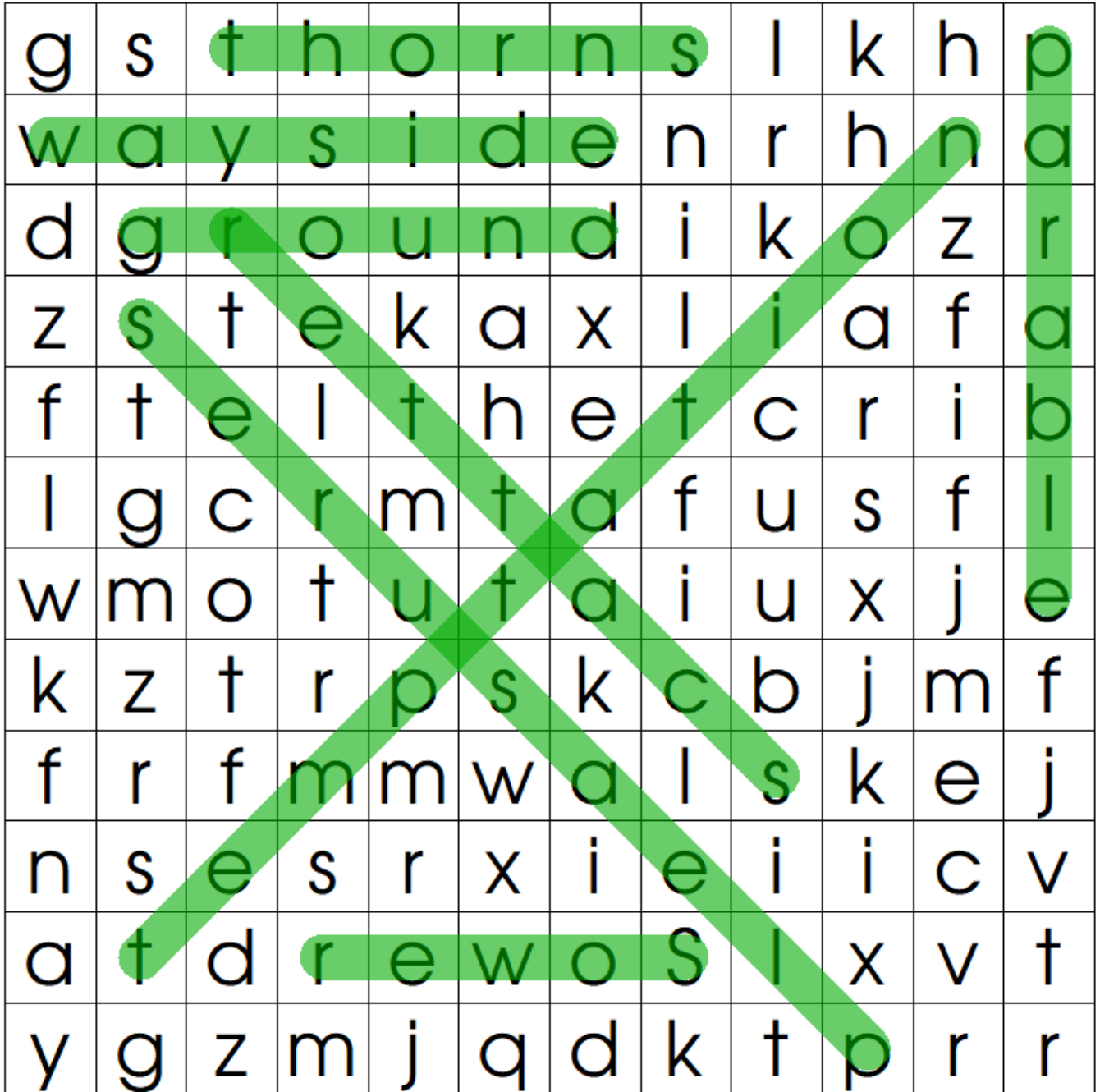
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Parable



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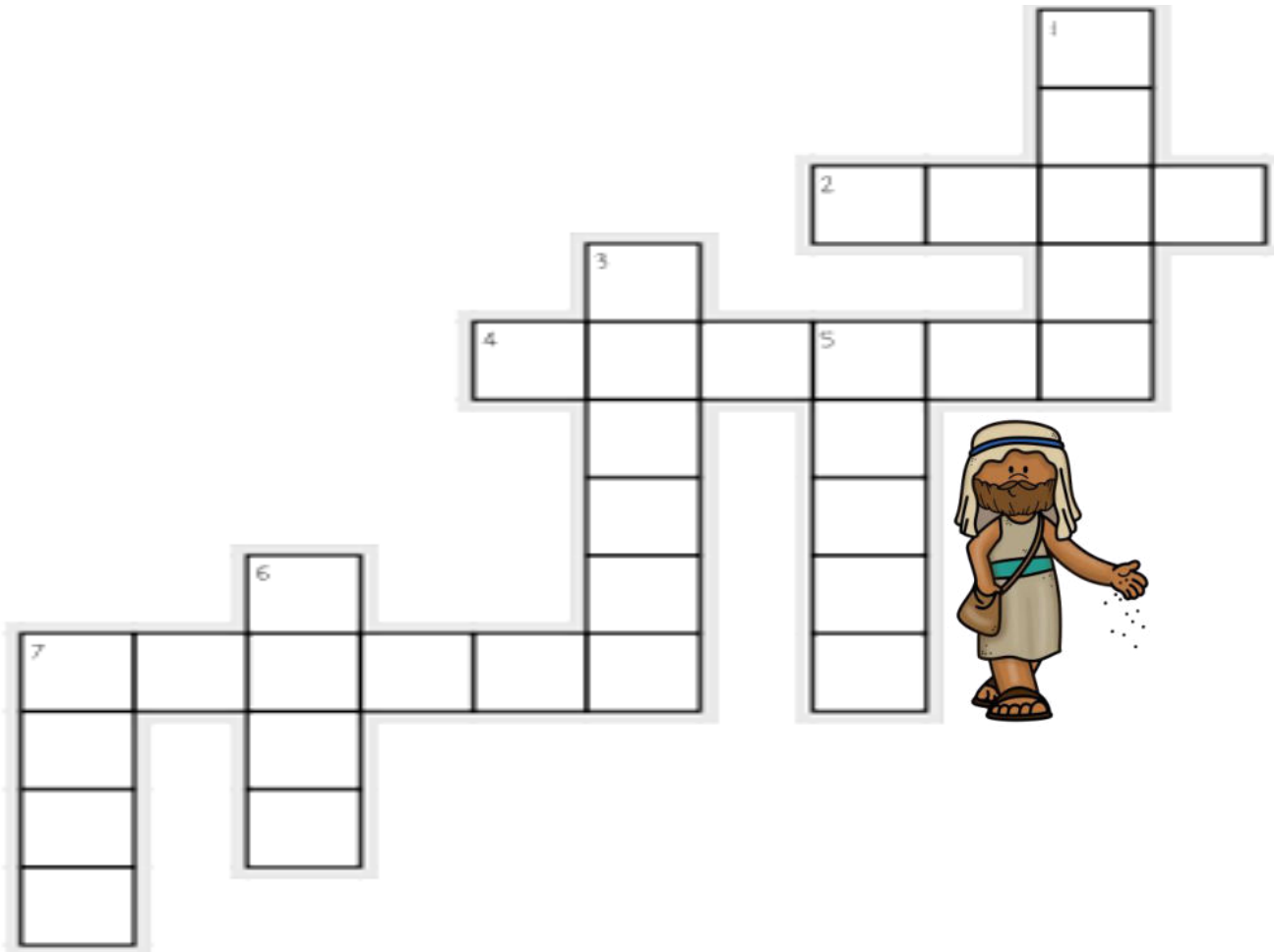
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

- 2. In the parable of the Sower, the seed is the of God (4)
- 4. The seeds that fell among the were choked and did not produce fruit (6)
- 7. The Sower scattered the seeds on different kinds of (6)

Down

- 1. The seeds that fell on the wayside were eaten by(5)
- 3. People can be with cares, riches and pleasures of life (6)
- 5. The seeds that fell on ground started to grow but did not have deep roots (5)
- 6. In the parable of the Sower, our hearts are like the(4)
- 7. The seeds that fell on ground produced a lot of fruit (4)

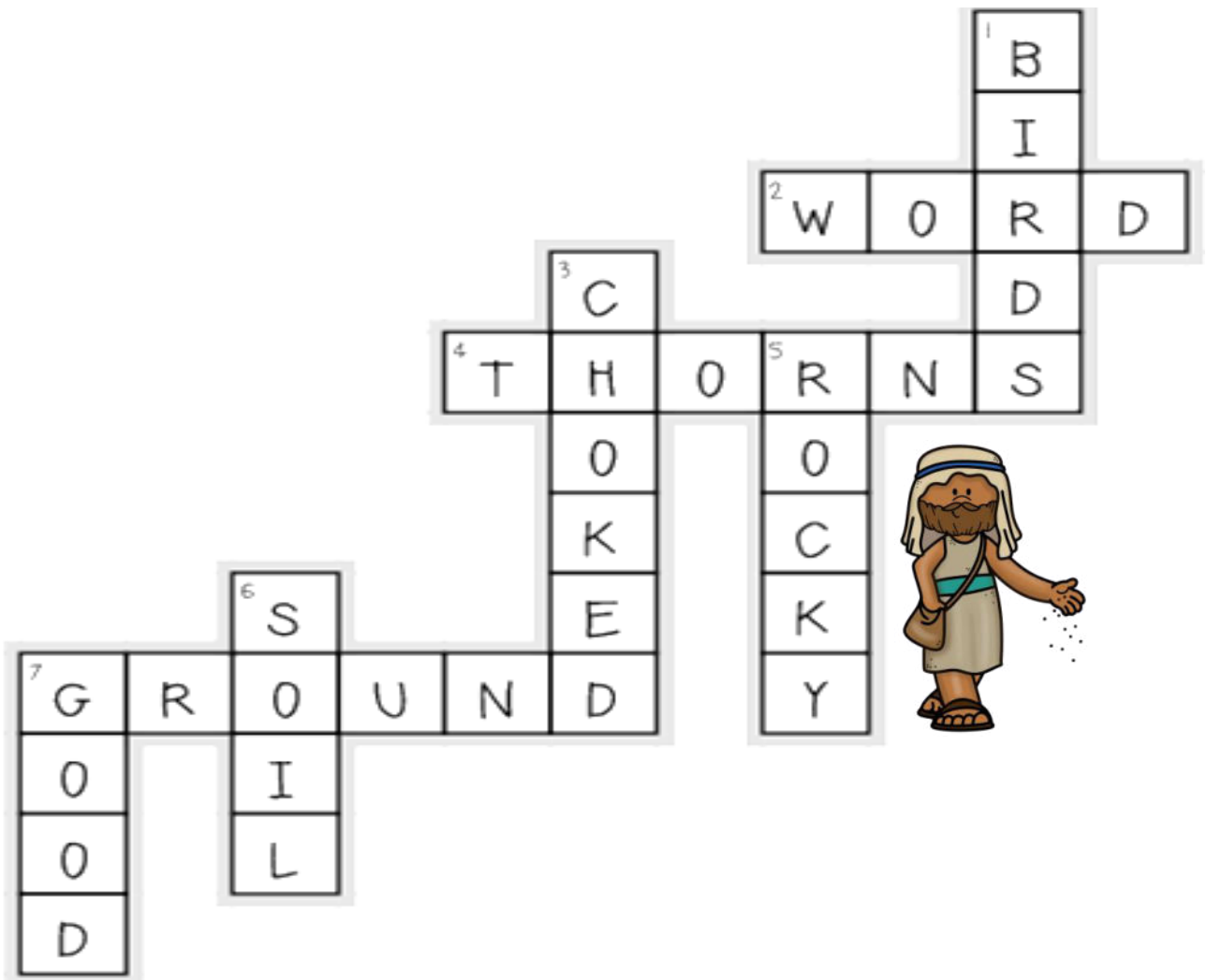


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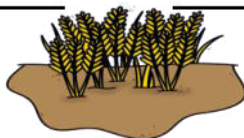
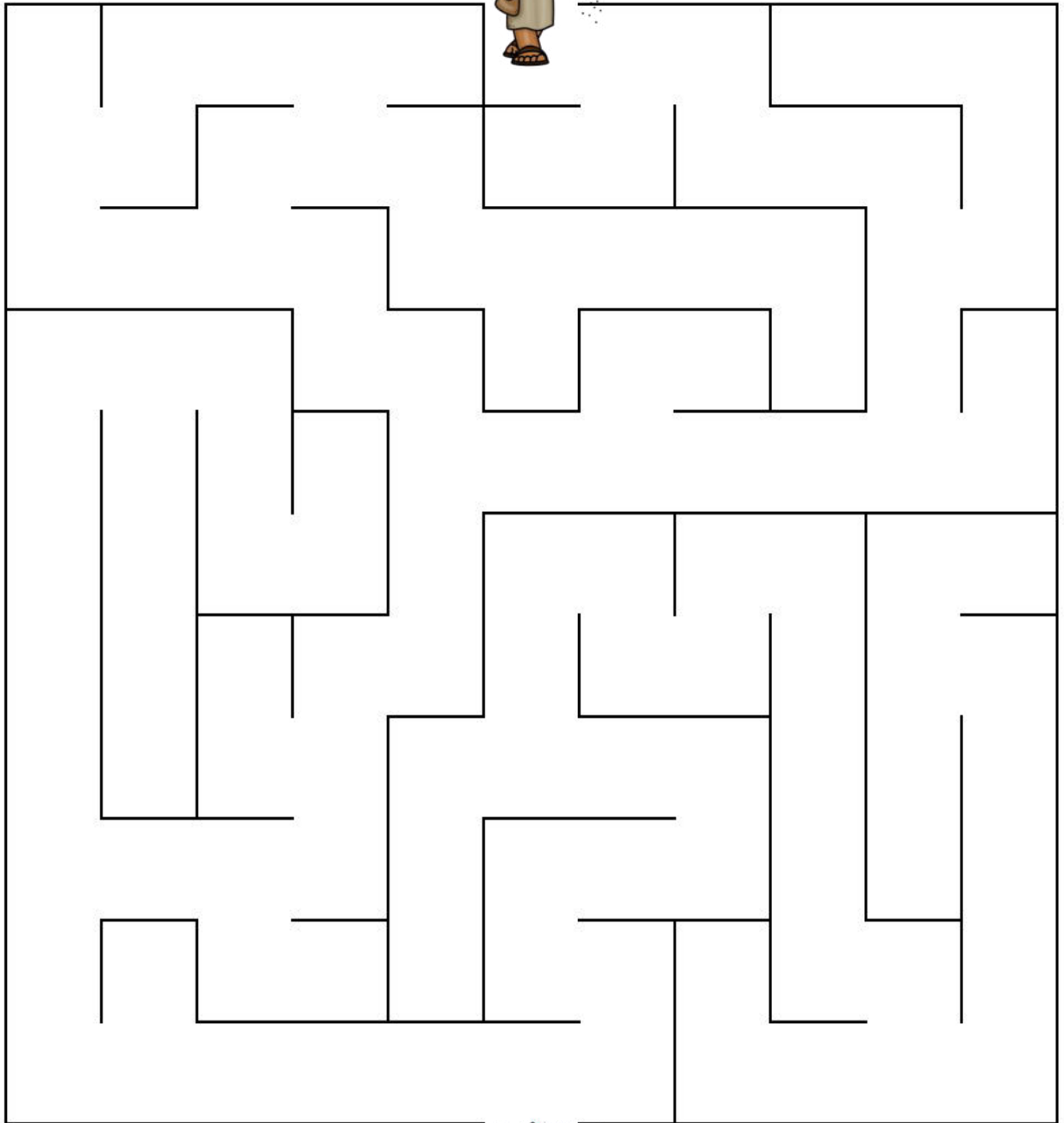
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Puzzle sheet

Help the Sower find the good ground so he can plant more seeds on it!

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

ENSLTI

TOSRO

EEDS

IEPNATEC

EVEIBLE

CKRYO

HETAR

FTRUI

Word list

Heart
Patience
Listen
Rocky



Roots
Seed
Fruit
Believe

