KIDS BIBLE CLASS · JULY — WEEK 1

The Story of the Farmer

Matthew 13:1-23

“The good soil stands for the people who hear God's word and let it grow.”

based on Matthew 13:23 (NIrV)

When we listen to God's word and let it grow in us, it grows into something wonderful.



Image 1

One day Jesus sat by a lake, and so many people came to listen that He told them a story.

“A farmer went out to plant seeds in his field,” Jesus said.

He scattered the seeds all around as he walked. Later, Jesus explained that the seeds are like God's word, and the different kinds of ground are like our hearts.



Image 2

Some of the seeds fell on the hard path. The ground was too hard, so the seeds just sat on top — and the birds ate them all up!

Jesus said the hard path is like a person who hears about God…

but doesn't really understand it, so it is quickly snatched away and forgotten.



Image 3

Other seeds fell on rocky ground. They sprang up fast! But the roots couldn't grow deep, so when the hot sun came, the little plants dried up.

Jesus said the rocky ground is like someone who is excited about God at first…

but when life gets hard, they give up — because God's word never grew deep roots in their heart.



Image 4

Other seeds fell among the thorns and weeds. The seeds started to grow, but the prickly weeds grew up faster and crowded them out.

Jesus said the thorns are like a person who hears God's word...

but worries and wanting other things grow up around it and choke it, so it can't grow.



Image 5

But some of the seeds fell on good, soft soil. Those seeds grew down deep, became strong and healthy, and made a harvest bigger than anyone imagined!

Jesus said the good soil is like a person who really hears God's word, understands it, and holds onto it.

Your heart can be like that good soil. When you listen to God and let His word grow, it grows into something truly wonderful!

WHAT WE LEARN

Jesus said the seeds are like God's word, and our hearts are like the soil. Some people hear about God but quickly forget, or let troubles and worries crowd it out. But when we really listen, understand, and hold onto God's word, it grows into something good and beautiful in our lives — just like the seeds in the good soil.

For you: You can be the good soil! Listen carefully to God's word, think about it, and let it grow in your heart a little more every day.