

Church at Home for Abridge

12th July 2020

Activities for the whole family

Matthew 13:1-9



1. Here is [today's Gospel as a reflective story](#) in the Godly Play style, which is explained at the beginning.

2. Here is [today's story sung by a child](#) with pictures

3. Big questions to talk about together

I wonder why the sower scatters so many seeds on the ground?

I wonder if there was some good soil even on the path?

I wonder if the seeds that the birds ate ended up being scattered in other places eventually?

I wonder if there was some good soil even among the stones?

I wonder if some seeds were stronger than other seeds?

I wonder if there was some good soil even among the thorns?

I wonder if the thorns and the plants from the seeds could ever survive together?

I wonder what good seeds and good soil also need in order to produce a successful harvest?

I wonder what God is saying to you through this parable today?

4. Here some **seed based activities** you might like to work on together

a. **A four soils tray:** Divide up a rectangular silver baking tray into four equal sections. Collect soil, stones, weeds/thorns etc. from a garden to create the four soils in the story.

Talk about why the farmer in the story didn't sow more carefully

b. **A parable biscuit:** Decorate a biscuit to include the four sorts of soil, using brown and green icing; small chocolate sweet stones and thin liquorice thorns.

Talk about whether God the sower hopes that even poor soil can produce a good crop

c. **Decorate a plant pot and plant seeds:** Paint and decorate some small plant pots and plant some seeds – nasturtiums, sweet peas, sunflowers...

Talk about which are your favourite plants, fruits or vegetables

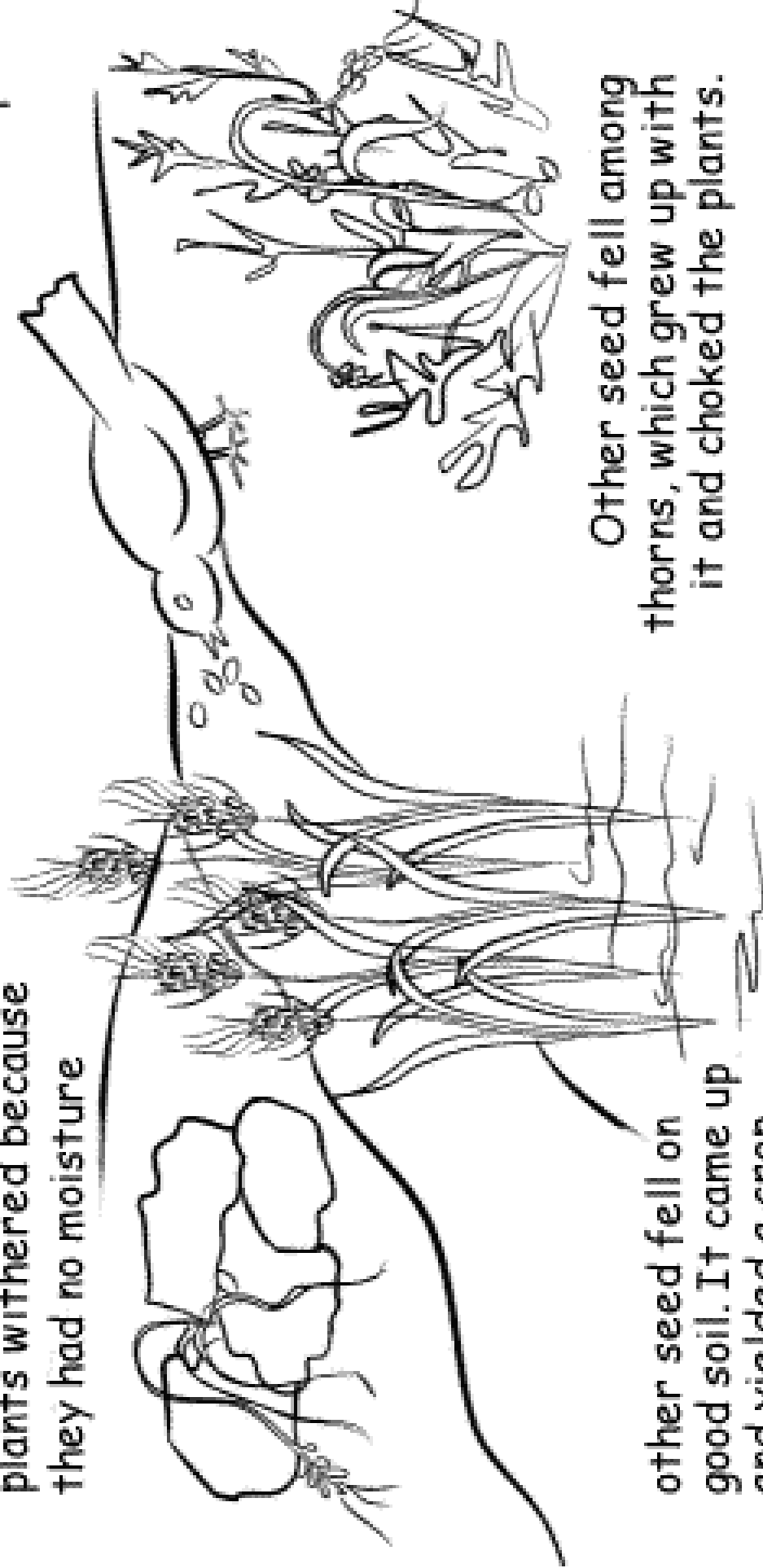
Talk about how the growing process is like the way we grow up to be the best we can be for God



5. Here is a picture of the story to colour/decorate/.

some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.

some fell on rock... the plants withered because they had no moisture



Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop.