

# The Farmer and the Seeds

## A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Matthew 13:1-23

Characters: Jesus, Disciples, Farmer

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JESUS TOLD A story about a farmer planting seeds.

The farmer walked through his field, throwing seeds everywhere.

Some seeds fell on the HARD PATH. They just sat on top. Then birds came and—GOBBLE, GOBBLE—ate them all up! Those seeds never grew.

Some seeds fell on ROCKY ground. They started to grow super fast! But there wasn't much dirt. When the hot sun came out, the little plants dried up and died. Their roots weren't deep enough.

Some seeds fell where THORNY weeds were growing. The seeds started to grow, but the weeds grew faster. The weeds squeezed out the good plants. No fruit grew.

But some seeds fell on GOOD, soft soil. These seeds grew and grew and grew! They made TONS of fruit—30, 60, even 100 times more than what was planted!

Jesus explained what the story meant:

The SEEDS are God's Word—the Bible, the good news about Jesus.

The SOIL is people's hearts—how they respond when they hear about God.

HARD PATH hearts don't understand. Satan snatches the truth away.

ROCKY hearts get excited at first, but give up when things get hard.

THORNY hearts are too worried about money and stuff. God's Word gets choked out.

But GOOD SOIL hearts hear God's Word, understand it, and let it grow! Their lives produce amazing things for God!

What kind of soil is YOUR heart?