





## UNIT 2 – STORY STORY 1

### Lesson 4 The Right Kind of Ground

 **Text:** Mathew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15

 **Bible Truth:** God's word in our hearts can produce great things.

 **Central Truth:** We need to prepare the ground before we plant our seeds if we want to have a good harvest.

 **Memory Verse:** Mark 4:20b "...such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."  
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#### GETTING STARTED

1. The children can mention different types of soil that they know and what can grow there. They can also mention things like the kind of plants that can grow in a desert are cacti. **OR**
2. The children can discuss what they believe can be learnt at certain ages. For example a four year old can write numbers, but will not be able to do addition. A five year old can do addition, but will not be able to do multiplication. A seven year old can do simple multiplication, but will not know the twelve time table. A ten year old can know the twelve times table, but will not be able to do integration and differentiation. **OR**
3. The children can mention the different types of fruits and the types and 'number' of seeds each fruit has. Or you can bring sample of seeds and see whether the students can identify them. They can be real seeds or pictures of seeds.

#### THE WORD

The Parable of the Sower talks about a man who sowed good seeds (the word of God) into different types of ground (people's hearts). The first kind of ground is ground at the side of the road where there is no soil. This refers to people who are not interested in getting to know about God, and before you know it, the devil takes the word away. These people are not affected by the word. The second kind of ground is the stony ground. There is soil, but the soil is very shallow. This refers to people who hear the word of God, like what they hear, but when people make fun of them or accuse them of doing something believed to be bad because of what they believe, they abandon the word of God. The third kind of ground is the ground with thorns. This refers to people who hear the word of God, are excited about it but because they are carried away by the many things happening around them, they soon forget what they have heard. The fourth kind of ground is the good ground. This refers to people who hear the word, meditate on it, and apply it to their lives. They are not moved by the things around them. As a result they are able to achieve a lot of things and are fruitful.

We need to ensure that we come to church ready to learn from whoever is teaching us. The word of God comes in the form of the message, a song, the confession, etc. Sometimes when people share testimonies, they give the scripture they held on to in order to receive the promise of God.

When we have the word of God in our hearts, we can say to Satan, just like Jesus did, 'It is written...' We will then quote the appropriate scripture and hold on to it until we receive our victory. The major way that we can have the word of God in our hearts is through memorizing scriptures.

Apart from when we come to church, other times when we can take the word of God into our hearts is during the family altar, our personal Quiet Time, devotions in school, assembly time, etc.

## MEMORY VERSE

MV: Mark 4:20b "...such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."

## SONG – Sow, Sow, Sow the Word Tune – Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Sow, sow, sow the Word  
Precious seeds of faith,  
Some that fall along the path,  
Are quickly snatched away.

Sow, sow, sow the Word  
Precious seeds of truth,  
Some that fall on rocky soil,  
Won't last the whole day through.

Sow, sow, sow the Word  
Precious seeds of hope,  
Some that fall among the thorns,  
Grow weak from fear and woe.

Sow, sow, sow the Word  
Precious seeds of life,  
Some that fall into good soil,  
Will live a life for Christ.

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## AT OUR LEVEL

- What kind of heart do you have?
- How can we prepare our hearts to receive the word of God?
- What are some of the ways that the word of God gets into our hearts?
- How can we ensure that the word of God brings forth fruit in our lives?
- What kind of seed do we want to avoid?
- Quote some of the scriptures that you have memorized.

## CONFESSION

I am fruitful. My heart is right with God. It is not a stony heart. It is not a heart with thorns. It is a heart with good soil ready to receive the word of God. I read the word of God. I hear the word of God. I memorize the word of God. I study the word of God. I do the word of God. I bring forth good things as a result of the word of God in my life.

## REVISION

1. The memory verse for today's lesson is \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the four kinds of ground mentioned in the Parable of the Sower?
3. What do the kinds of ground represent?
4. What does the seed represent?
5. Why do we need to memorize scriptures?

## ACTIVITY – WORKSHEETS

Do the worksheets.

## IN CLOSING

Summarize the lesson and pray.