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Children's Sunday
Workbook



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Matthew 13:23

The seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Heavenly Father, we want to be like the good soil. Help us to study your Word and put it into practice in our daily life. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**



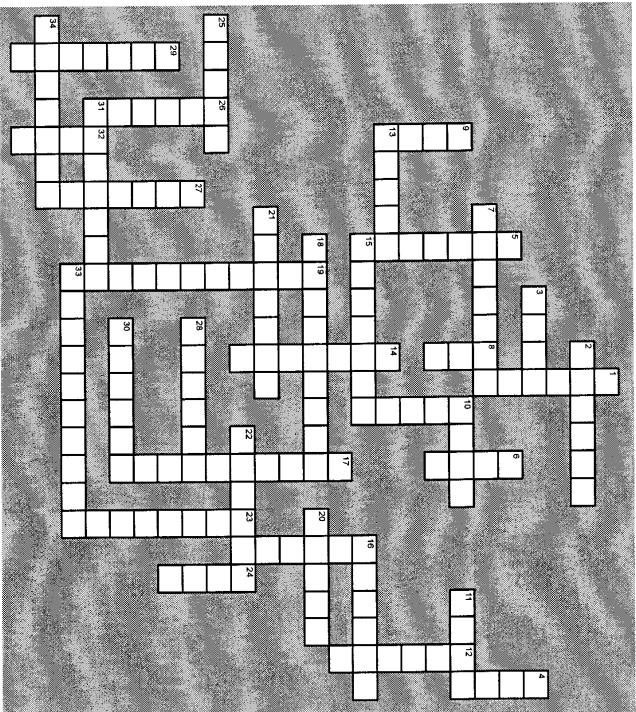
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Crossword:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces at right. Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.



10 down) That same day Jesus left the _____ and went out
 15 across) beside Lake _____, where he sat down to teach.
 22 across) Such large _____ gathered around him that he
 6 down) had to sit in a _____, while the people stood on
 26 down) the shore. Then he _____ them many things by
 21 across) using _____. He said: A farmer went out to
 16 across) scatter seed in a field. While the _____ was
 33 across) _____ the seed, some of it fell along
 13 across) the road and was _____ by birds. Other seeds
 20 across) fell on thin, _____ ground and quickly started
 24 down) growing because the _____ wasn't very deep. But
 8 down) when the _____ came up, the plants were scorched
 7 across) and dried up, _____ they did not have enough
 25 across) _____. Some other seeds fell where thornbushes
 12 down) grew up and _____ the plants. But a few seeds
 30 across) did fall on good _____ where the plants produced
 29 down) a _____ or sixty or thirty times as much as was
 18 across) scattered. If you have ears, pay _____!
 5 down) Now listen to the _____ of the story about the
 32 down) farmer: The seeds that fell along the _____ are
 34 across) the people who hear the _____ about the kingdom,
 17 down) but don't _____ it. Then the evil one comes
 2 across) and snatches the message from their _____. The
 1 down) seeds that fell on rocky ground are the _____ who
 28 across) gladly hear the message and _____ it right away.
 3 across) But they don't have _____ roots, and they don't last
 9 down) very long. As soon as _____ gets hard or the message
 31 across) gets them in _____, they give up. The seeds that
 19 down) fell among the _____ are also people who hear
 23 down) the message. But they start _____ about the
 16 down) needs of this life and are _____ by the desire to
 11 across) get _____. So the message gets choked out, and they
 27 down) never _____ anything. The seeds that fell on good
 10 across) ground are the people who _____ and understand the
 4 down) message. They produce as _____ as a hundred or
 14 down) sixty or thirty times what was _____.



"Jesus told the parable of a sower who went out to sow his seed."

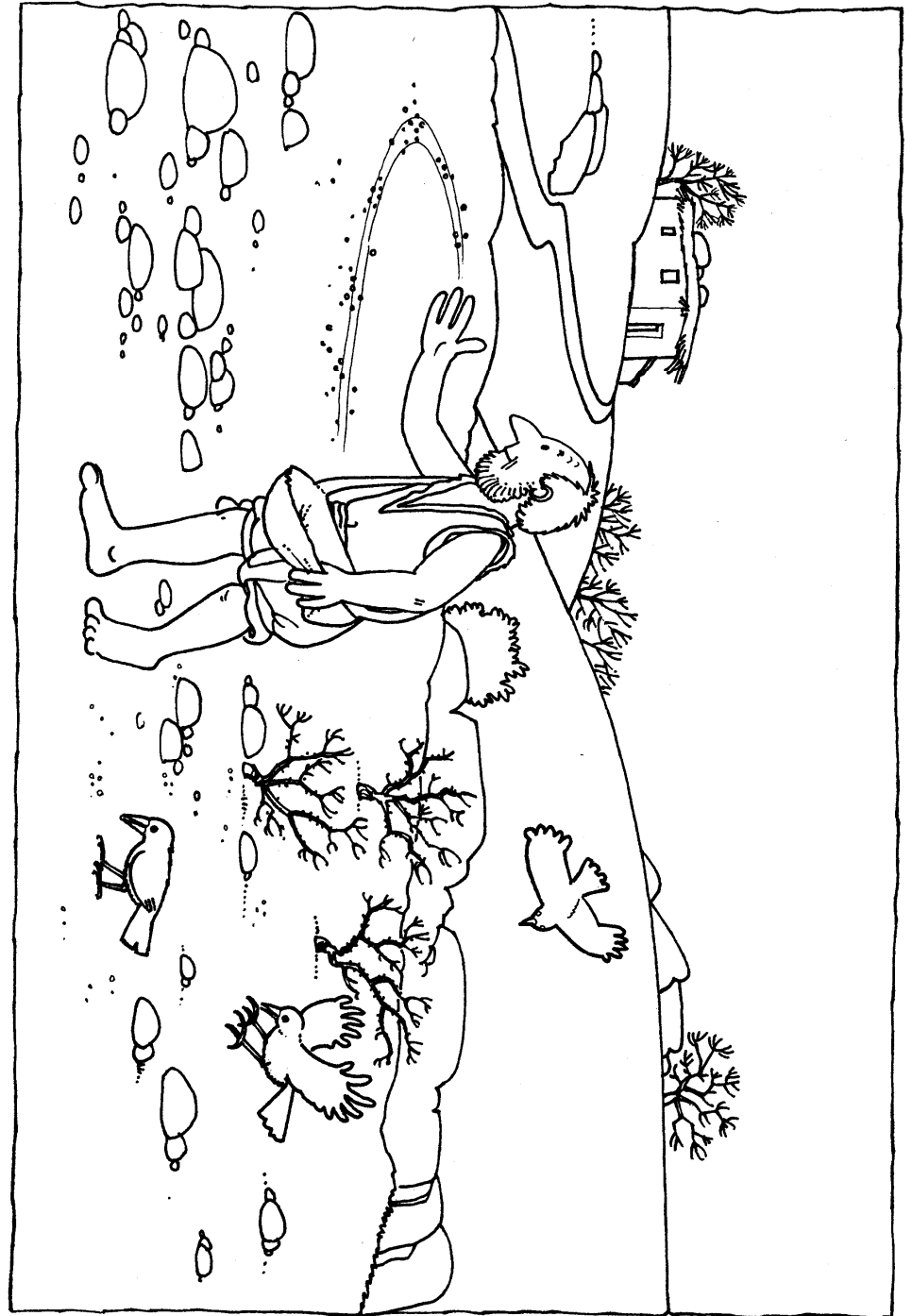


Word Search: *Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (CEV)*

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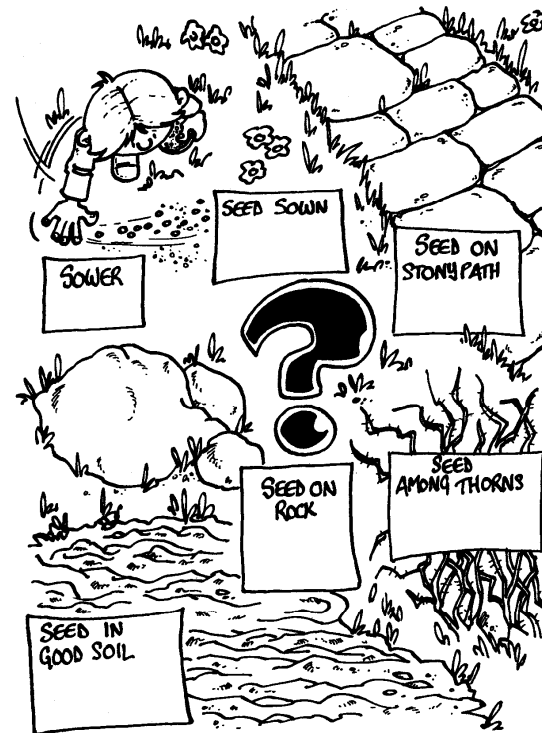
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| HUNDRED | ATTENTION | MEANING | ROAD |
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| ACCEPT | DEEP | LIFE | TROUBLE |
| THORNBUSHES | WORRYING | FOOLED | RICH |
| PRODUCE | HEAR | MUCH | PLANTED |

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Jesus said,
*"When a farmer sows seed in good soil, he grows a good crop.
 When I give my message about God to people who are ready to
 hear it, they understand and grow closer to God."*



A SOWER SOWED THE SEED

I THINK I AM SOMETIMES ONE KIND OF GROUND, SOMETIMES ANOTHER. THERE ARE TIMES I LISTEN AND TIMES I DON'T.

I reckon that's true for all of us. But we only have to be receptive earth. The growing is God's business.

YOU MEAN THERE'S NO POINT IN TRYING TO GROW?

There's no point in trying on our own. All we have to do is let God into our lives, and he'll do the rest within us.

CAN ANYONE END UP WITH A BIG CROP, THEN?

Yes. No qualifications needed, apart from being human and open to God.

...AND WHAT ABOUT US?

WHAT KIND OF THINGS STOP US HEARING THE GOSPEL PROPERLY?

STONY PATH →

ROCKY GROUND →

AMONG THORNS →



WHAT KIND OF THINGS MAKE FOR GOOD, WELL-PREPARED EARTH WHERE THE SEED CAN GROW?

WHAT OUR CHURCH COULD DO

WHAT OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY COULD DO

TRUE AND LIVING GOD,
 YOU ALONE HAVE
 THE WORD OF LIFE
 THAT I NEED.
 ALL I AM INTERESTED IN
 IS THE REAL TRUTH -
 AND THAT'S YOU.