

Session Twenty-Five: Let God's Word Grow in You



Today's Point:

God's Word grows in hearts that listen and obey.

Bible Passage:

Mark 4:1–20

(Jesus tells a parable about a farmer sowing seed on different kinds of soil.)

Today's Bible Skill:

- Locate the book of Mark in the New Testament
- Learn that a parable of the Sower is Mark 4:1-20
- Understand what the different kinds of soil mean in the parable

Parable Summary (Kid-Friendly):

- A farmer threw seeds on four kinds of ground:
 1. **Hard path** – Birds ate it up
 2. **Rocky soil** – Sprouted fast but dried up
 3. **Thorny ground** – Got choked out by weeds
 4. **Good soil** – Grew strong and made more seeds!

Jesus explained that the seed is **God's Word**, and the soil is **our heart**. Only the **good soil** (a heart that listens and obeys) lets God's Word grow strong!

Bible Truth Activity:

Game: "Soil Sort"

Object of the game: Help kids understand the four types of soil (hearts) from the parable.

Materials:

- Cards or pictures showing the 4 soils
- Examples of actions or attitudes to sort (e.g., “Listens at church,” “Always distracted,” “Hears but forgets,” “Shares God’s love”)

Directions:

1. Read or show each example.
2. Ask kids to point to or place it with the matching soil type.
3. After each one, discuss why that action helps or hurts God's Word growing in us.

Say:

Jesus wants our hearts to be like the **good soil**—soft, ready to listen, and ready to obey God’s Word.

Bible Discovery Discussion:

Ask the kids:

- What does the seed represent in the parable? (God’s Word)
- What kind of “soil” does Jesus want our hearts to be like? (Good soil)
- How can we get ready for God’s Word to grow in our hearts?

Say:

Our hearts can be hard, rocky, or crowded—or soft and ready. When we read the Bible, listen at church, and obey, we’re letting God’s truth grow in us like strong, healthy plants!

Bible Verse Activity – Grow & Say

Verse Focus: Mark 4:20 (CSB):

“And those like seed sown on good ground hear the word, welcome it, and produce fruit.”

Instructions:

1. Start in a crouched “seed” position.
2. As you say the verse line by line, slowly stand up and stretch your arms like a plant growing.
3. Repeat and grow each time!

Say:

When we welcome God's Word into our hearts, we grow in faith and begin to "produce fruit"—like kindness, love, obedience, and joy!

Bible Skills Activity: "Plant the Word" Craft**Materials:**

- Construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Paper "seeds" with words like "love," "truth," "kindness," "God's Word"
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Each child draws a flowerpot or garden on their paper.
2. Glue or draw "seeds" into the soil.
3. Decorate the plant growing from the seeds.

Say:

Let's plant good things in our hearts by listening to and obeying God's Word every day!