



Session Twenty-Six: Grow God's Word in Your Heart

Today's Point:

When we listen to God's Word and obey it, we grow strong in Him.

Bible Passage:

Mark 4:1-20

(The Parable of the Sower – Jesus teaches that God's Word is like a seed that grows in our hearts.)

Today's Bible Skill:

- Locate Mark in the New Testament
- Learn that the parable of the Sower is Mark 4:1-20
- Learn what each kind of soil represents

Parable Recap (Kid-Friendly Language):

Jesus told a story about a farmer who threw seeds. The seeds landed on:

1. **The Path** – Birds ate it (The heart doesn't listen)
2. **Rocky Ground** – It grew fast but had no roots (The heart gives up quickly)
3. **Thorns** – The weeds choked the plants (The heart is too busy)
4. **Good Soil** – It grew strong and healthy (The heart listens, obeys, and grows!)

Jesus said the seed is God's Word, and our hearts are the soil.

Bible Truth Activity:

Game: "Soil Says" (like Simon Says)

Object of the game: Help kids move and respond while learning how to be "good soil."

Instructions:

1. Leader says, "Soil says..." and gives a command that relates to the story.
2. If the command matches the parable, kids follow it. If not, they stay still!

Examples:

- “Soil says, listen to God’s Word.” (Yes!)
- “Soil says, grow fast then fall over.” (No!)
- “Soil says, be good soil.” (Yes!)
- “Soil says, ignore the Bible.” (No!)

Say:

Jesus used this story to teach us how to listen to God's Word. When we listen and obey, we're like good soil—and God helps us grow strong in our faith.

Bible Discovery Discussion:

Ask the kids:

- What kind of “soil” does God want our hearts to be like? (Good soil!)
- What makes our hearts hard or distracted like the other soils?
- How can we become better listeners to God's Word?

Say:

We can't grow if we're too distracted, too busy, or not really paying attention. Jesus wants us to have soft, ready hearts—like good soil—so that His Word can grow in us and change our lives.

Bible Verse Activity – Echo & Grow

Focus verse: Mark 4:20 (CSB):

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

Instructions:

1. Say each part of the verse and have kids echo it.
2. With each echo, they rise from a crouch a little higher until they're standing tall like a growing plant.
3. End by stretching arms wide and saying “Produce fruit!”

Say:

When we hear and welcome God’s Word, it grows in us like a strong, healthy plant—and we start showing things like love, joy, and kindness to others!

Bible Skills Activity: “Heart Soil Cups”

Materials:

- Paper or foam cups
- Soil or potting mix (optional)
- Paper “seeds” with words like “listen,” “believe,” “obey,” “grow”
- Markers and stickers

Instructions:

1. Each child decorates a cup with their name and "Good Soil for God's Word!"
2. Add the “seeds” inside or glue them on the outside.
3. Talk about how to care for their heart like a gardener does with real soil.

Say:

Your heart is like soil. What kind of soil do you want to be? When we take care of our hearts—by reading the Bible, praying, and obeying—we become good soil that grows strong for God.