

The Sower and the Seeds Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Find Matthew 13:1-9 and read it aloud.

Remember that parables are build on similes- the people and things in them are not meant to be taken literally. With that in mind, do your best to identify what the following symbols represent.

Sower:

Seeds:

Birds:

2. Read the Bible story again. Here's the tricky part- we aren't the seeds- we are the soil! With that in mind, try to explain what type of person each soil type represents.

Path: _____

Rocky: _____

Thorny: _____

Rich: _____

3. What is something surprising about this parable? How does the sower act in an usual way? What is the point of this surprise? (Think about how farmers plant their fields/orchards.)

4. Now read Jesus's explanation of the parable. You can find it in Matthew 13:18 -23.

5. Now that you've heard Jesus's explanation, put what each type of soil represents in your own words.

Path: _____

Rocky: _____

Thorny: _____

Rich: _____

6. Remember that parables present a challenge. Obviously a challenge can be to be the rich soil, but another challenge can be taking an honest look at our own realities.

Which soil are you most like right now? Why?

What are 3 things you can do to become more like the rich soil?
