

a Kendall Hunt Company

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 103

Read: Matthew 13:1-23

Gospel Summary

While we call this Gospel, "The Parable of the Sower," it is much more about the seed than the farmer. Although there will be obstacles to telling others the Good News, the message will be received by many. Some of the sower's seeds fell on rocky ground, on paths where people walked and among thorns. While these seeds probably won't take, the seed that fell on good soil has the chance of reaping a tremendous harvest.

Reflection for Families

We meet many obstacles and sometimes feel our children simply don't hear us. But the seed that falls on good soil (and our children are good soil) will produce an enormous yield. We need only not to be discouraged nor give up in the face of obstacles.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

This is a great Gospel to show children literally its meaning. Plant seeds in the types of places described in the Gospel-on rocky ground, paths where people walk, weed or thorn patches, and on good, fertile soil. Check the locations every day or two and notice what is happening. As a family, make connections between what is happening to your seed and seeds described in the Gospel. Continue the observations by connecting the seeds to your own lives. What does this lesson mean to your family? How are you like the seeds?

Discussion Starters

- 1. I have seen good seed grow in my life when I think about . . .
- 2. Sometimes the seeds I plant don't grow. That's because . . .
- 3. One way our family can become richer soil is by . . .

Connection to Faith First®

Faith First At Home Family Guide, Theme 2

Faith First Kindergarten, Chapters 6 and 7

Faith First Grade 1, Chapter 1

Faith First Grade 2, Chapter 1

Faith First Grade 3, Chapter 1

Faith First Grade 4, Chapter 2

Faith First Grade 5, Chapter 2

Faith First Grade 6, Chapter 2

Faith First Junior High—Creed and Prayer, Chapter 2