



# Holy Trinity Geneva

## JUNIOR CHURCH

### 12<sup>th</sup> July

## Virtual Junior Church

Dear parents, this week's resources explore how Jesus uses parables to get his message across.

Start with a Prayer

Lord Jesus, as we gather today,  
may we have eyes to see  
and ears to hear  
what you are saying to us.  
Make us ready to learn  
from your stories.  
Amen.

### **The parable of the Sower**

Jesus often uses parables - a story with a hidden meaning to share a key message. After Jesus told a parable he would explain what it meant.

One day Jesus told this story while sitting in a boat.

Once upon a time a man went out to sow corn.

He scattered it all over the field.

And some of it fell on the path – and the birds ate it.

And some fell on stony ground, where there wasn't much earth.

So, though the plants sprang up, the soil wasn't deep enough for them to take root, and when the Sun came up, the corn wilted.

And some fell among weeds, and the weeds grew, and choked it.

But some fell into good soil, and the corn grew and produced grain – 30 grains, 60 grains, even 100 grains.

Jesus finished the story by saying,

'Those who have got ears to hear – let them hear!'

The people listened to the story, but they didn't understand it. So Jesus explained:

The sower in my story is God, and the seeds He sows are the things

He tells us.

Some people don't listen at all, and God's word doesn't have a chance (the seed on stony ground).

And some people listen for a bit, and then get fed up and wilt (the seed in shallow earth).

And other people sort of listen, but then start thinking about other things – PCs perhaps, or football or TV – and all that gets in the way (the seed getting choked by weeds).

But some people listen properly – and then all sorts of wonderful things happen. They find they can do things for God and for other people, 30 times more than they could do before – 60 times – even 100 times.

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## **Activities**

### Soil and Seed Walk

Get some seeds from your parents (apple pips will be OK). Take your parents for a walk or go into your garden. Put the seeds on the types of soil that were discussed in the lesson.

Printable activities can be found by clicking on the links below

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