

Jesus tells the parable of the sower.

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One day, Jesus told a crowd this story: "A farmer went out to his field to plant some seeds. The farmer tossed seeds onto the ground. Some seeds fell on the hard dirt. The birds ate these seeds.

like the hard dirt where birds people are glad to hear the believe it, but later it's too hard wants. They stop believing God are like the rocky soil."

"Other seeds fell on rocky ground. The plants grew for a little while. But there wasn't enough water, and the plants soon died. Other seeds fell near thorny weeds. The weeds grew faster and stronger than the plants. The plants couldn't grow! These plants died, too."

One of the friends asked, "We are like the thorny soil?" Jesus said, "Some people hear the Word. They begin to grow, but they keep them from growing. So they don't grow. These are like the rocky soil."

Finally Jesus said that some of the seed fell on good soil. Those seeds grew and became a huge good crop. Jesus' friends wondered, *What does this story mean?*

"The good soil is like people who hear the Word. They are glad to hear it, and they obey God."

Jesus said, "The seeds are like God's Word. People who hear God's Word but never believe it are

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