

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#34 The Sower and the Seed

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Dear Families: We hope you had a nice Easter! We had a service outside in the beautiful sunshine. We had a good crowd with everyone masked and sitting spaced apart. Communion was passed out by people wearing masks and gloves and picked up by the same. There were no hugs, but it was nice to see each other again in person after an entire year. For our next 3 lessons we are going back to look at 3 parables, stories, that Jesus told as teaching lessons. This week's lesson is about The Sower and the Seed. This is a timely lesson because you may be planting gardens soon. God Bless!

Bible Text: Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower (a person who plants seeds) went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when but endures for only awhile, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Bible Verse: Galatians 6:7

. . .for you reap whatever you sow. . .

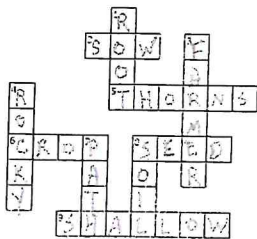
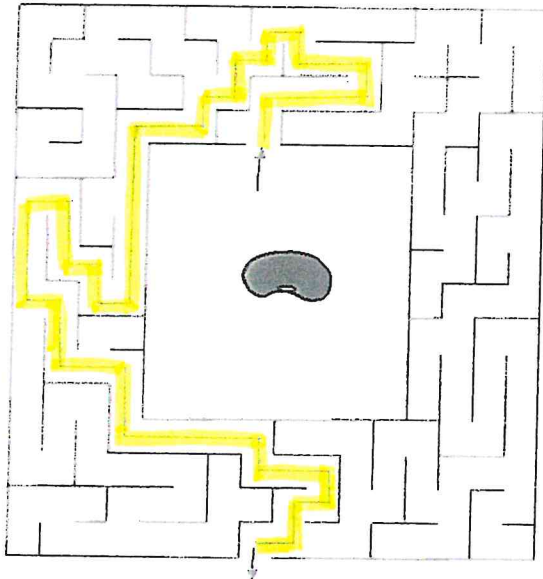
****This reminds me of the verse from Matthew 7:12, "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you." That's like saying, if you "plant seeds" of kindness in dealing with others, you will get kindness back from others. This verse is called the "Golden Rule."**

Activities:

*4 disposable cups, potting soil, seeds (grass, flower, eyes of potatoes. . .), dandelion seeds, small stones. In one cup put a few stones at the bottom and add potting soil. In second cup mix lots of rocks into the potting soil. In third cup add potting soil and tamp the dirt down hard. In the fourth cup add potting soil and lots of the dandelion seeds. Choose one kind of seeds to use in all four cups. 1st-push seeds gently down a little way and brush dirt over them. 2nd-pour a few seed over rocky soil. 3rd-make sure the soil is tamped down hard and just drop a few seeds in. 4th-add seeds in with dandelion seeds. Water moderately and observe each day. Throw seeds out on patio or ? and see if birds eat them.

*The usual paperwork

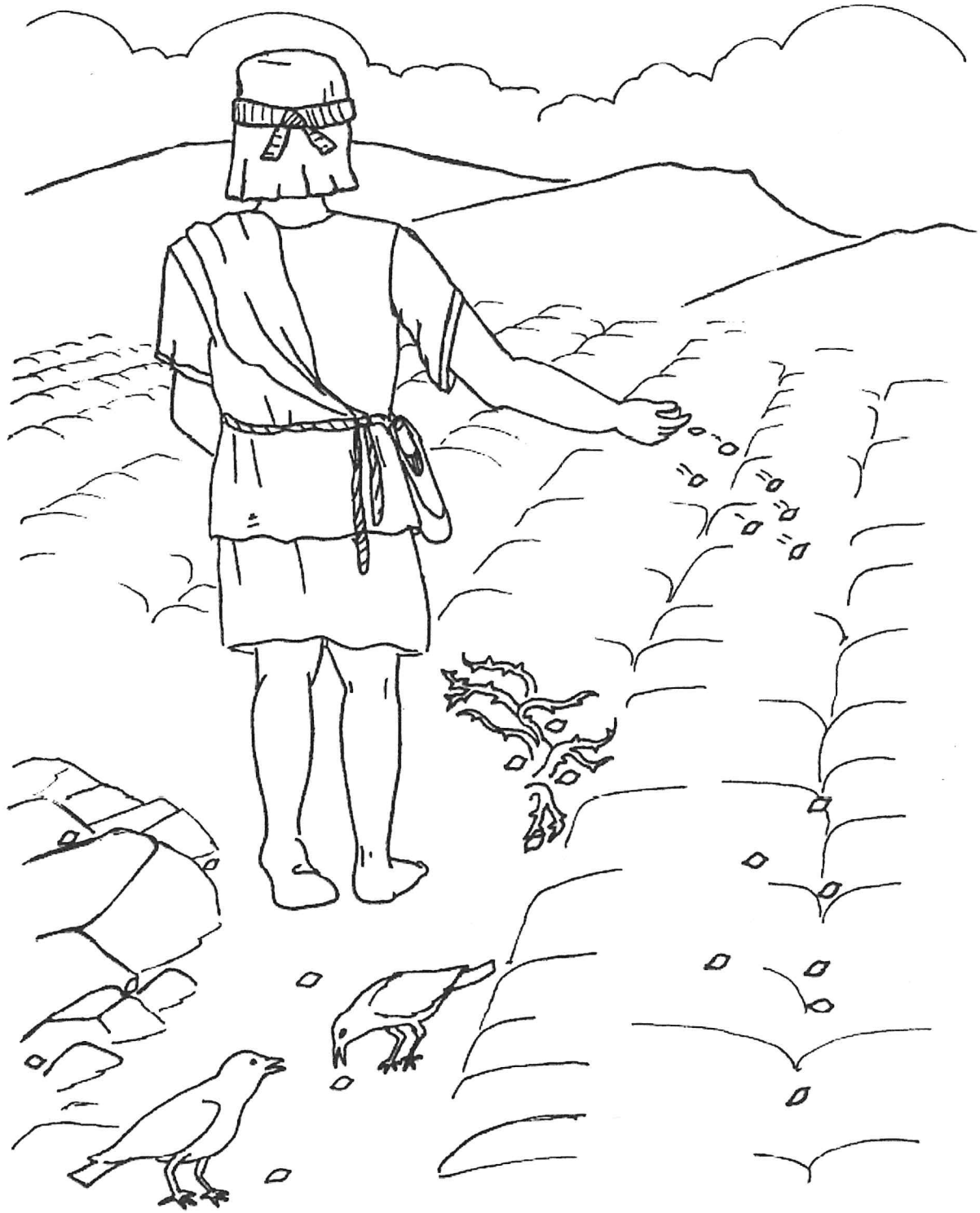
Answers to Puzzles:



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S E E D S X O R
Y R E W O S P G

G A R D E N R O O T S L Y E W
 J T V B W G R P J R P L R L T
 S D N A T S R E D N U E W B H
 H E T I K W F K T L M Z O A O
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 Q A R C M P R A Y L A R J L Y

3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
A. baker B. farmer C. butcher D. teacher
4. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
A. rocky B. farmer C. path D. sow
5. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
A. thorn B. seed C. soil D. root
6. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
A. path B. sow C. rocky D. soil
7. Covered with stones
A. seed B. rocky C. path D. thorns
8. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
A. soil B. shallow C. thorns D. sow
9. Not deep
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10. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
A. thorn B. rocky C. root D. leaf
11. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow
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12. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
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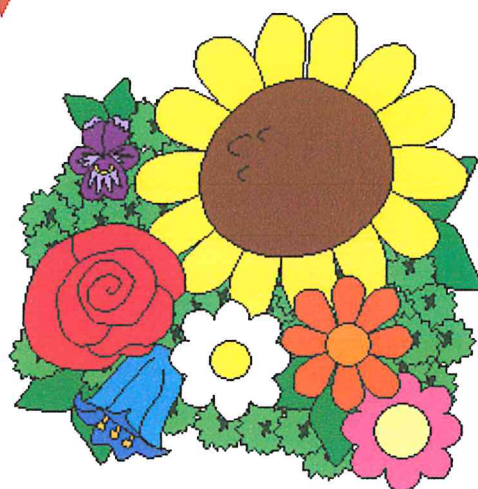
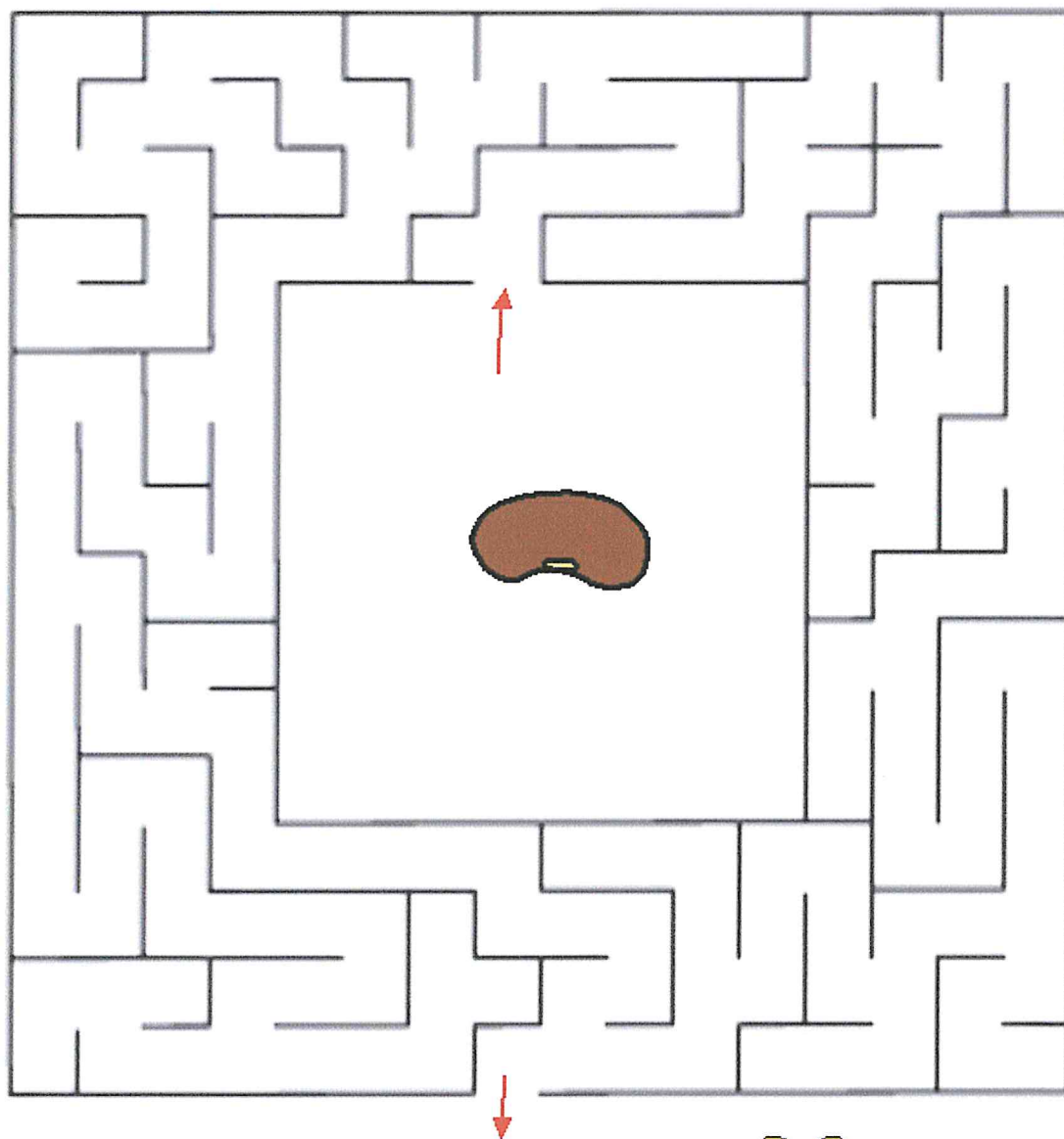
The Parable of the Sower

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Sower and the Seed Maze

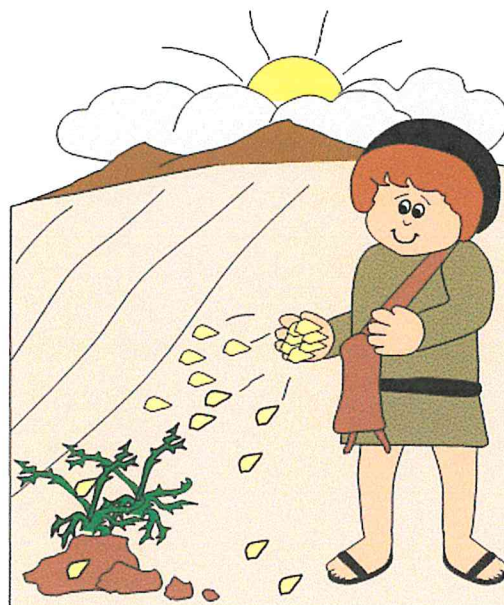
Help the seed find the healthy flowers.



Sower and the Seed Word Search

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 J T V B W G R P J R P L R L T
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 H E T I K W F K T L M Z O A O
 N E E C A R X I N R E E R R R
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 Q A R C M P R A Y L A R J L Y

CROP	PRAY
EXPLAIN	ROCKS
FARMER	ROOTS
FRUIT	SEEDS
GARDEN	SOIL
GROW	SOWER
HEARS	THORNS
LEARN	UNDERSTANDS
LESSON	WATER
PARABLE	YIELD
PLANT	



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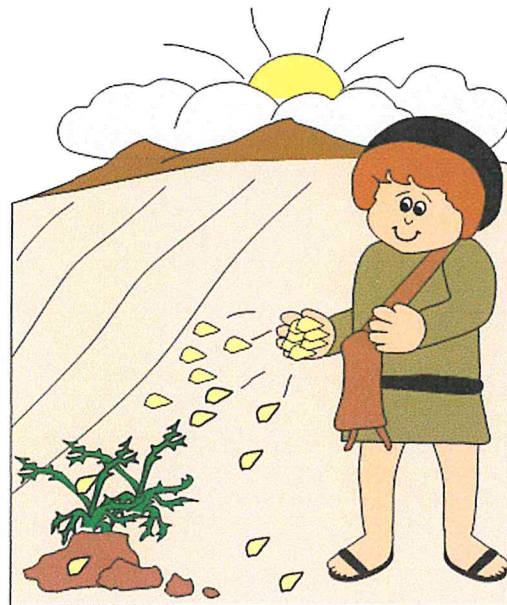
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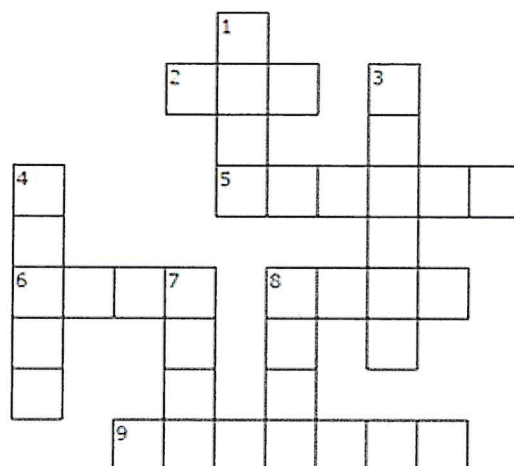
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GROW
PLANT
SEEDS
SOWER
WATER



The Parable of the Sower

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Based on Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23 (NIV)



ACROSS

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6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
9. Not deep

DOWN

1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
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7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

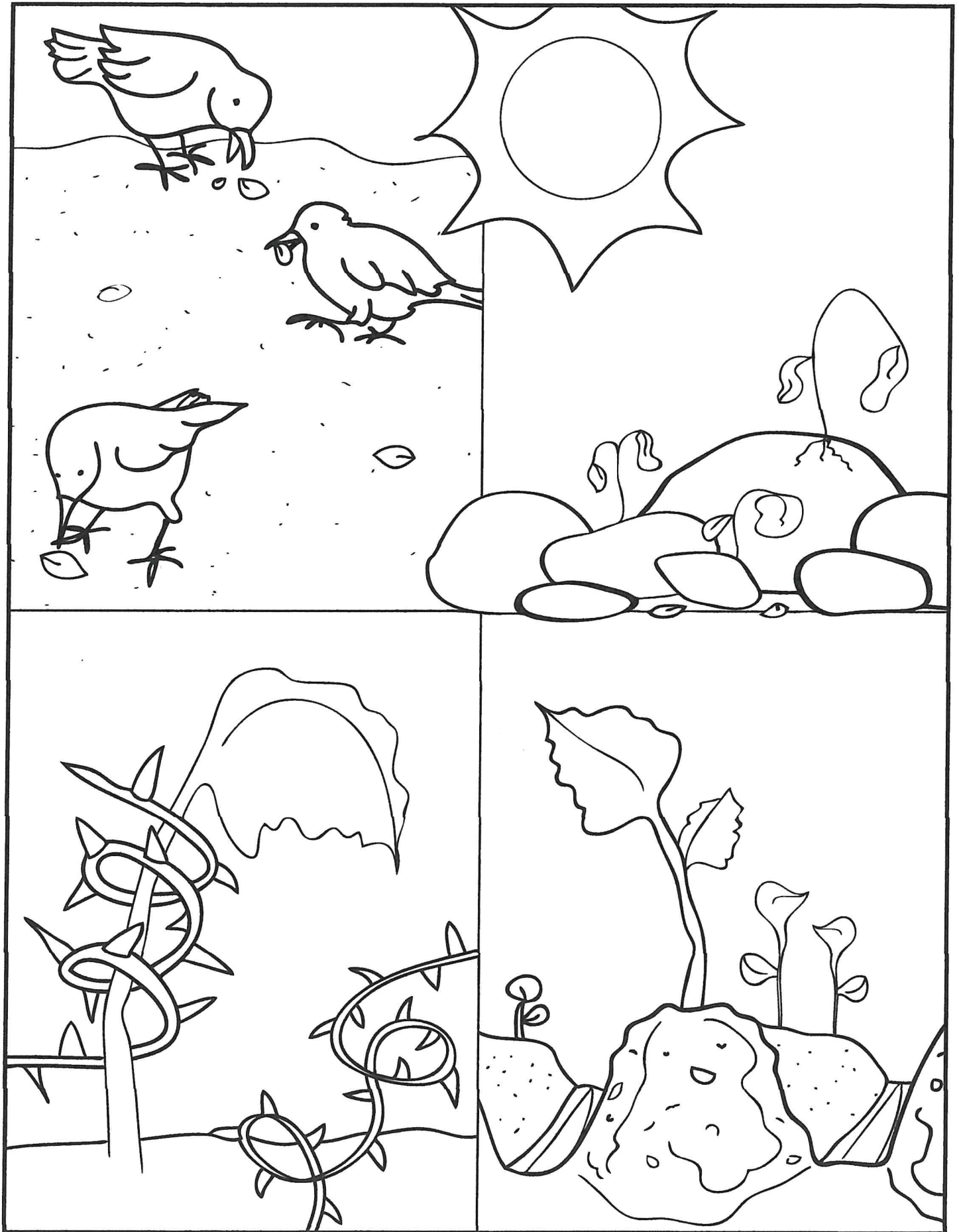
PATH	CROP	SOIL	THORNS	ROOT
SHALLOW	FARMER	SEED	SOW	ROCKY

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The Parable of The Sower and the Seed