

Jesus told a story about four different kinds of soil. We react in different ways to the seed, the Word of God, depending on the type of soil our hearts are.

Story Time With Jesus

Lesson Two

The Parable of the Soils

Name: _____

The first soil is a hard path, like a sidewalk. Seeds can't grow there, so birds come and take them away. When our hearts are hard, the devil takes the Word away from our unbelieving hearts. We should repent of our sins and ask God for soft hearts.

The second type of soil is shallow and rocky. Seeds start to grow, but die quickly because they can't get deep roots. Our hearts are like this when we start to do what God says, but then change our minds when it's hard to follow Him. We need to trust that the Bible is true, and pray that God would give us strength during tough times.

Matthew 13:3b-9
"Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

The third type of soil is full of thorns, so when the seeds start to grow up, they get choked out. When we let the worries of the world into our hearts, the Word of God gets choked out, like the seeds. To avoid the thorny worries of the world, we can cast our cares on God.

The last type of soil is the good kind, where the seed gets deep roots and grows well, and lots of fruit comes from it. Our hearts can be like this when we hear and understand the Bible, and do what it says. We tell everyone about the Kingdom of God, no matter what kind of soil their hearts may be like.