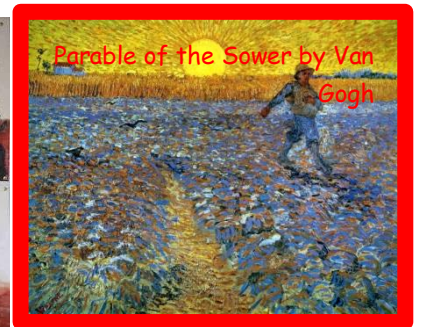
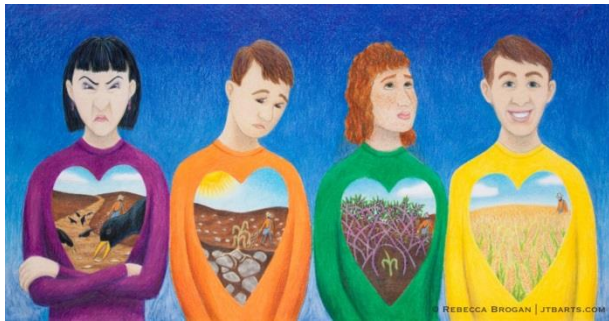


The Parable of the Sower Matthew 13:1-23

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13&version=ICB>

KS2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRehBbBTxbQ>

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Large crowds gathered around him. So Jesus got into a boat and sat, while the people stayed on the shore. ³ Then Jesus used stories to teach them many things. He said: "A farmer went out to plant his seed. ⁴ While he was planting, some seed fell by the road. The birds came and ate all that seed. ⁵ Some seed fell on rocky ground, where there wasn't enough dirt. That seed grew very fast, because the ground was not deep. ⁶ But when the sun rose, the plants dried up because they did not have deep roots. ⁷ Some other seed fell among thorny weeds. The weeds grew and choked the good plants. ⁸ Some other seed fell on good ground where it grew and became grain. Some plants made 100 times more grain. Other plants made 60 times more grain, and some made 30 times more grain. ⁹ Let those with ears use them and listen!"



- 1) Start with a prayer, listen to calm music, put together a focus point
- 2) Read 'The Parable of the Sower' and understand what Jesus is trying to teach us. Use your own Bible from home, read the passage above or use the link to Bible Gateway.
- 3) Key questions:
 - What is a parable? **A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.**
 - Why did Jesus use parables to teach his followers?
 - What type of person does the road/ rocky ground/ thorny weeds/ good ground represent?
 - What key message is Jesus trying to teach us and his followers?
- 4) Choose an activity from below as a follow up task:
 - Retell the parable in your own words and record into your home learning book
 - Illustrate the parable using art or drama- take lots of photos e.g. Van Gogh
 - Write your own parable- think about what you want to teach people and how you can use a story to share this
 - Write a set of instructions for how to be a good listener using ideas from the parable
 - Write a prayer asking for God's help to be a good listener using parts of the parable
 - Plant some seeds in different places in your garden/ outdoor space and observe the results. Do it match Jesus' parable?
- 5) Think about a calming end to your activity-prayer, music, picture, time outside