

In God's Big Story

Jesus teaches that God's Word is like seed planted in soil, and when it is fertile soil, the seed multiplies. When we hear and obey Jesus' teaching, we are like the fertile soil that nurtures the seed to grow.

Wonder Truth: Jesus Wants Us to Hear and Obey

Scripture: Mark 4

WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



SEEDS AND SOIL

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

[EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO](#)

WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

ELEMENTARY:

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'

—Luke 10:27 (NirV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

—Luke 10:27a (NirV)

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

WORSHIP@HOME

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- Have you ever planted seeds? Did they grow? Why or why not? Tell about it.
- In God's big story, Jesus taught a lesson using an imaginative story (called a parable) about a farmer who planted seeds in different types of soil. Try retelling the story to your family!
- In the parable, Jesus compared the good soil to people who hear His word and accept it. What can our family do to become more like good soil?
- How can we help each other follow Jesus?



WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

Spying Seeds

In His parable about seeds and soil, Jesus encourages us to hear His word and put it into practice. When we do, we will be like the fertile soil that helps seed grow and that can produce a crop thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times what was planted!

Go outside or sit by a window and ask your kids: **What do you see that came from a seed?** Allow your kids plenty of time to notice what came from seeds. Next, play I Spy but limit your game to objects that started from seeds. Consider phrases such as: **I spy something that produces hundreds of seeds every year** (oak tree). Or, **I spy something that grows quickly but pulls up easily** (weeds).

Ask your family: **Why is soil important for seeds to grow?**

When finished, pray together as a family, using either your own prayer or the one below:

God, thank you for Your Word. Help us to hear You, follow You, and tell others about You. In Jesus' name. Amen!

Great
for
Younger Kids!



LIFE CONNECTION

Scripture Seeds

In His parable about seeds and soil, Jesus teaches us to be like fertile soil that helps seed grow because He wants us to hear and obey His words.

One way we can hear and follow Jesus' words is to become familiar with Scripture. Grab notecards (3 per person) or paper, markers, and tape. Together as a family, select three favorite passages from the Bible. Discuss as a family:

What does this passage show us about God?

What might God want us to learn from this passage?

What can we share with others about this passage?

Encourage each family member to copy down the three selected Scripture passages on three separate notecards. Once finished, tape the Scripture notecards throughout your living space. Encourage your family to pause, read, and pray when they spot a notecard around the house this week.

Parent Tip: If your family is new to the Bible, the books of Psalms and Proverbs are great starting points for discovering Scripture.

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Older Kids!

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