




Date: Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023	Value: Wisdom	Leader: Teacher
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Key message that the children need to take away
<b>Values: Wisdom</b>
<b>Theme: The parables of Jesus – The Sower</b>

Gathering	<p>Music on entry. Children enter quietly</p> <p>Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together:</p> <p>Bible – God the Father Cross – God the Son Candle – God the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Candle is lit on the worship table</p> <p>All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today; Be with us Jesus, in our worship Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.</p>	<p>Image on display as children enter:</p> <p>The Sower Luke 8.4 - 15</p>  <p>Relaxing Christian music <a href="#">RELAXING CHRISTIAN MUSIC   Instrumental, Hymns, Soft Music, Prayer Time   Anointed - YouTube</a></p>
Engaging	<p>Watch the Powerpoint video about a story Jesus once told about a sower and seeds. The story is a parable, which means that it contains an important message.</p> <p>Watch carefully and then chat to your talk partner about what you think the message behind the story might be.</p> <p>Sometimes the story is called the parable of the Four Soils because even though the sower spreads the seed over all of the ground, only one part of the soil is deep, rich and fertile. The seed that falls into this soil puts down good roots and grows into a healthy, fruitful plant. However, if the seed falls into the parts of the ground where the soil is shallow or rocky or full of weeds, it will not grow properly.</p> <p>Why do you think this is?</p>	

	<p>The seed in the story represents God’s wise teaching which will help us flourish and live our lives well.</p> <p>The 4 soils in the story represent the different types of people who hear his teaching.</p> <p>Some people will be like the deep, rich, fertile soil. They will hear God’s wise teaching and try to put it into practice in their lives. They will do their best to love others and make a difference in the world. Their lives will be fruitful.</p> <p>Some people will be like the other types of shallow, rocky or weedy soils. They will hear God’s teaching but it doesn’t reach their hearts and they will not put it into practice. They will soon forget all about it.</p>
Learning	<div> <p><b>THE SOIL</b> <i>A Haiku poem</i></p> <p>Farmer scatters seed Some falls on the hard, dry path Happy birds can feast</p> <p>Farmer scatters seed Some falls where stones cover ground Roots just can’t push down</p> <p>Farmer scatters seed Some falls on harsh cruel thorns Choked, the young plants die</p> <p>Farmer scatters seed Some falls on soil deep and rich Harvest time brings joy</p> <p>Seeds in our heart-soil On path, stones, thorn or good earth Choose wisely, which one?</p>  </div>
Reflecting	<p>At the end of the parable, Jesus says ‘Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.’</p> <p>This is another way of saying if your ears and heart are open to my teaching, think carefully about it and be focussed about putting it into practice.</p>

	In order for our hearts to be open to what God might be teaching us, it is sometimes helpful to be still and alert.
Responding	<p>Prayer</p> <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Teach us Lord your <b>wisdom</b>:</p> <p>The <b>wisdom</b> of listening with open ears,</p> <p>The <b>wisdom</b> of waiting with patient hearts,</p> <p>The <b>wisdom</b> of responding with ready wills,</p> <p>So that we may be like the good soil and live</p> <p>lives that bear good fruit.</p> <p>Amen</p> </div>
Sending Out	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle</p> <p>Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way,</p> <p>All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen</p> <p><b>SHILL</b>: Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many.</p> <p>All: So today we will grow together and learn together.</p> <p>Music is played</p>
Hymn	
Class follow-up	<p>The Sower Luke 8.4 - 15</p> 

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Have you ever planted seeds or done any gardening? Did you enjoy it?</li><li>2. How does the bible say we should sow?</li><li>3. Who makes things grow?</li><li>4. What kinds of things do you want to see in your life?</li><li>5. What must you sow in order to reap those things in your life?</li></ol>
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