

# The Sower and the Seed

Jesus told many stories about familiar things to help people understand Jesus' messages about God. One of the stories Jesus told was about a farmer who planted seeds. Some of the seed fell on ground the farmer had prepared, but some of the seed fell on rocky places. After Jesus finished telling the story, His disciples wanted to know what it meant.

What Jesus might tell His disciples if He were talking to them today is written below. Use the code to fill in the blanks. When you have completed the puzzle, read what Jesus told His disciples in Matthew 13: 18-23.

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Here is the explanation of the story I told about the farmer planting grain:

The hard \_\_\_\_\_ where some of the seeds fell represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of a person who hears the \_\_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and doesn't understand it; then \_\_\_\_\_ comes and snatches away the seeds from the person's \_\_\_\_\_.

The shallow, \_\_\_\_\_ soil represents the heart of a \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the message and receives it with real \_\_\_\_\_, but he or she doesn't have much depth in his or her \_\_\_\_\_, and the seeds don't \_\_\_\_\_ very deeply. After a while when \_\_\_\_\_ comes, or \_\_\_\_\_ begins because of his or her beliefs, his or her enthusiasm \_\_\_\_\_, and the person \_\_\_\_\_ out.

The ground covered with \_\_\_\_\_ represents a person who hears the message, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of this life and the longing for \_\_\_\_\_ choke out God's Word, and the person does \_\_\_\_\_ and less for God.

The \_\_\_\_\_ ground represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of a person who listens to the message and \_\_\_\_\_ it and goes out and \_\_\_\_\_ thirty, \_\_\_\_\_, or even a \_\_\_\_\_ others into the Kingdom.