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(To read the heading, change each letter for the one that comes before it in the alphabet  $\ \, \text{eg.} \, \, \text{u}$  is really t )



Matt is a really good storyteller, and the children in Bible club enjoy listening to his stories. Jesus was a good story teller too. He used parables because they were easy for people to listen to and remember, but they also had a deeper secret meaning that only those who really wanted to, could understand.

Delbert our dictionary says

Parable: story about everyday things with a spiritual message or truth.

An "earthly story with a heavenly meaning".

## Listen to God! Mark 4:1-20

When Jesus was on earth, there were no tractors or seed machines. Farmers walked up and down the field throwing seed out by hand. His listeners knew exactly what Jesus was describing, but not what his story meant.

## Talk to God!

Our Father God, we know you want us to be like the good seed. Help us to listen to your words and to grow strong in our understanding and love for you.



Listen to Jesus and grow.



Match the seeds in the story with the meanings by drawing lines between them.



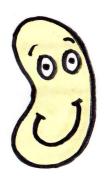
People who hear but let other things get in the way.



People who listen, accept God's Word and grow in understanding.



People who hear but give up easily and don't change.



People with hard hearts who don't listen.

Heading: The story of the sower, soil and seeds