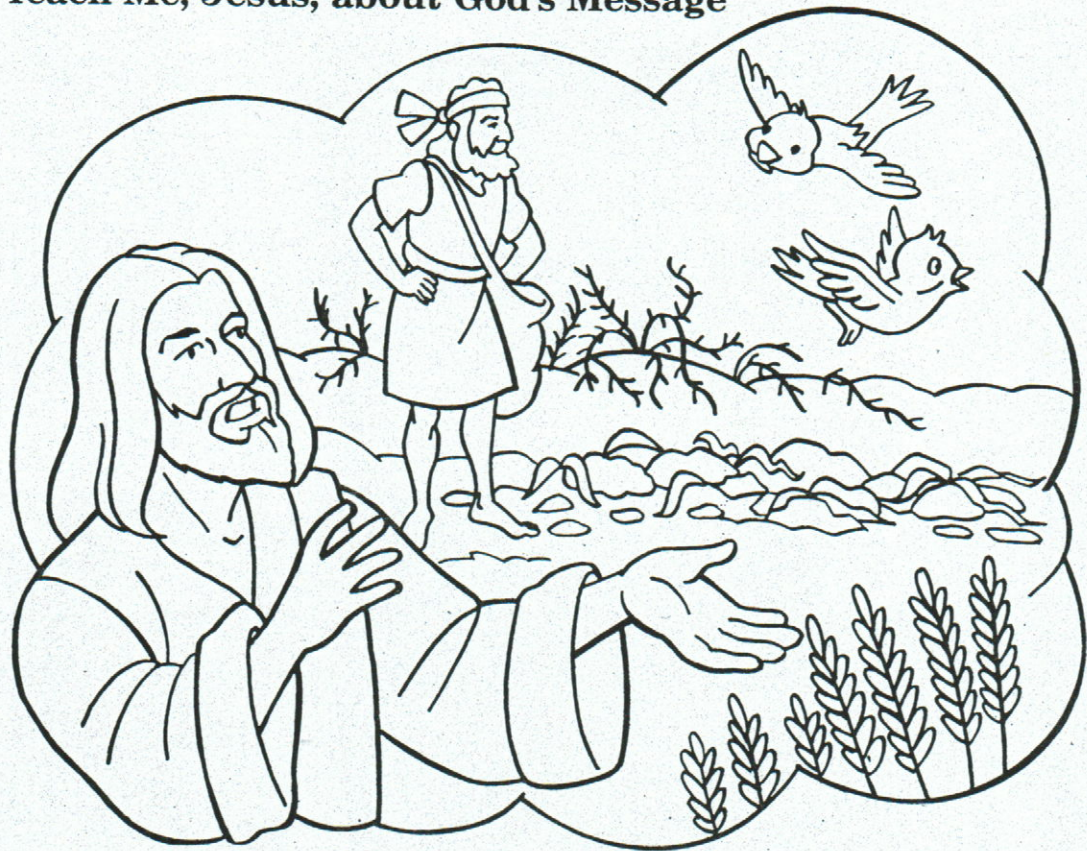


Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Luke 8, 5-15



## Teach Me, Jesus, about God's Message



**J**esus said:

A farmer went out to scatter seed in a field. While the farmer was scattering the seed, some of it fell along the road and was eaten by birds. Other seeds fell on thin, rocky ground and quickly started growing because the soil wasn't very deep. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched and dried up, because they did not have enough roots. Some other seeds fell where thornbushes grew up and choked the plants. But a few seeds did fall on good ground where the plants produced a hundred or sixty or thirty times as much as was scattered.

**N**ow listen to the meaning of the story about the farmer:

The seeds that fell along the road are the people who hear the message about the kingdom, but don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches the message from their hearts. The seeds that fell on rocky ground are the people who gladly hear the message and accept it right away. But they don't have deep roots, and they don't last very long. As soon as life gets hard or the message gets them in trouble, they give up.

The seeds that fell among the thornbushes are also people who hear the message. But they start worrying about the needs of this life and are fooled by the desire to get rich. So the message gets choked out, and they never produce anything. The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and understand the message. They produce as much as a hundred or sixty or thirty times what was planted.

*Matthew 13.3b-8,18-23*

# COLORFUL SEEDS

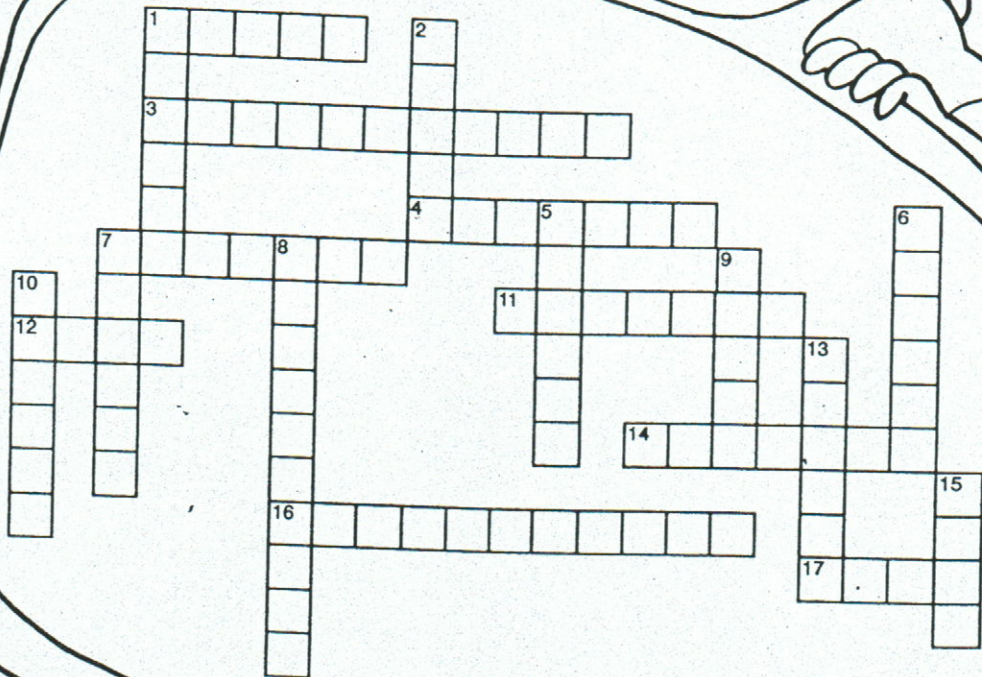
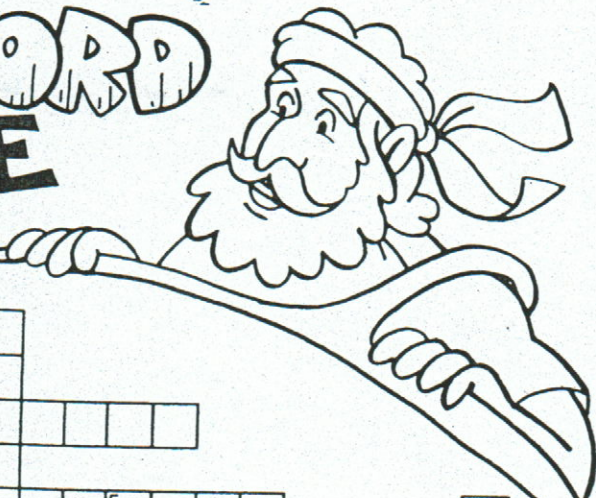
Jesus told the story of a farmer and seeds to teach us how God wants us to live. When we listen to and follow God's message, we become "good seeds."

Using crayons, color the picture below to see how colorful good seeds can be.

- 1=Red    3=Blue    5=Green    7=Brown  
2=Yellow    4=Orange    6=Purple    8=Black



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

- Where the farmer scattered the seeds.
- A road with lots of stones in it.
- What the farmer had to do with the seeds.
- What people who hear and understand God's message do.
- The message is about the \_\_\_\_\_.
- What people do with their ears.
- What God wants us to understand.
- Shrubs with sharp needles.
- This was not very deep.

## Down

- (See #4 Across) The person who did this.
- Creatures that ate the seed that fell along the road.
- 27, 28, 29...
- The seeds that fell along the road are the \_\_\_\_\_ who hear the message about the kingdom.
- Seeds grow into these.
- God wants us to (#12 Across) and \_\_\_\_\_ the message.
- Parts of a plant that are underground.
- What happens to the message when it is heard by people who worry about life.

- Where the message is snatched from.
- While the farmer was scattering the seed, some of it \_\_\_\_\_ along the road.

