

**Kidz World's
Church at Home
'REVEALED' – The Parable of The Sower**

FUN TIME: "God Can Help Me Grow"

What You Need: Prepare an envelope with the words "Secret Ingredient" on the front and a sheet of paper that says "GOD" inside it. Seal it. You will also need a potted plant or a trimmed branch or flowers. You can also take a nature walk, if possible.

What You Will Say: Ask your children the following questions to generate responses and discussion.

What do you need to do to help plants to grow? Do plants grow quickly or slowly?

A lot goes on behind the scenes to help make something grow, right? The same is true for you and me! **What are some things that help you grow?** (*Allow for responses*). Yes, those all help us grow. But did you know there's a super-secret ingredient that helps us the most? **Wanna know what it is?** (*Hand one child the envelope to open*) That's right-it's GOD! Repeat after me now: God can help me grow!

BIBLE TIME:

That's what we're going to talk about today. We're starting a new series this month called, 'Revealed'. We're going to look at some parables that Jesus shared in the Bible. A parable is a short story that teaches us an important lesson. Jesus used parables to reveal, or uncover, important lessons. What do you think today's lesson is about? (*Allow for responses*) Let's take a look at our Bible story and find out.

READ: Matthew 13:1-23

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them 😊.

1. What were the four different places where the farmer's seeds fell?
2. Which seed was the only one to produce a crop?
3. What do you think the soil represents?
4. What was the hidden meaning in today's Bible story?

REAL TIME: Growing is a good thing. We are supposed to grow up physically (like getting taller), and grow up emotionally, (like getting more mature), and grow up spiritually (in the ways that we trust Jesus and live the way God wants us to).

In today's Bible story, at first it seems like Jesus is just telling a plain old story about a farmer planting seeds. So, you were probably wondering, "What does that have to do with us?" But Jesus is sharing with us one of the most important ways we can grow in our relationship with Him.

The seed represents God's Word. The soil represents us. Jesus says good soil is like someone who hears God's Word, understands it, and takes action. Doing this helps our faith to grow!

Read James 1:22 (NIRV). This Bible verse is telling us when we only listen without doing what the Bible says, we "deceive ourselves." That means we are believing something about ourselves that is not true. We can't grow in God just by simply knowing and saying the right things – we must also do the right things we learn from God's Word. Let's take the lesson Jesus revealed and get to growing! Let's pray.

PRAYER TIME: “God, we love You. Thank You for helping us grow, like seeds do in good soil! Remind us to do more than just listen to what the Bible says – help us to do what it says. In Jesus’ Name, amen!”

*“Don’t just listen to the Word. You fool yourselves if you do that.
You must do what it says.” ~ James 1:22 (NIRV)*