

# The Parable of the Sower

Readers Theater version

CHARACTERS: 22, doubling and tripling possible

COSTUMES: none specified

PROPS: none specified

SETTING: Biblical in the time of Jesus

RUN TIME: 8 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 13, Mark 4 and Luke 8

*Part 1 is reading accompanied by pantomime. Part 2 can be divided up into reading and acting. The portion that is the application of the scripture can be read and/or acted out.*

## Part 1

A: Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. (*J pantomimes scattering seed*)

B: As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, (*I starts to stand but K pushes L right back down*) and the birds came and ate it up.

C: Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. (*L “grows” out of seat*)

D: It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

E: But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, (*M and K push L back into seat*)

A: And they withered because they had no root, no moisture.

F: Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it (*O, P and Q “grow out of seats. J returns to seat.*)

C: And choked the plants. (*O, P and Q grab at their throats like they are choking and are seated*)

B: So that they did not bear grain.

G: Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop (*J “grows” up*)

H: Multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."

K: Why speak in parables?

I: What does this parable mean?

A: We shall give you the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven

B: Remember this ...

C: Whoever has will be given more (*Then pantomimes giving something to J*)

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D: He will have an abundance. *(Then pantomimes giving something to J)*

E: Whoever does not have

F: Even what he has will be taken from him.

J: Do not let your heart become calloused

H: Blessed are your eyes because they see,

G: And your ears because they hear.

A: Listen and watch to learn what the parable of the sower means.

## Part 2

D: The seed is the Word of God.

E: Those along the path are the ones who hear,

D: And as soon as they hear it, the devil, the evil one, comes

E: And snatches away the word from their hearts

D: So that they may not believe and be saved.

E: This is the seed sown along the path.

J: You guys want to come to a Bible study tonight?

I: *(Shrugging, unsure)* Maybe.

K: I don't believe in any of that God stuff.

I: You don't?

K: Nah, I heard something about it once, but... just don't really remember anything about it.

J: What do you believe in?

K: Myself. Luck. Karma. *(shrugging)* Maybe nothing.

F: The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places

C: Is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

F: But since he has no root,

C: He lasts only a short time.

F: He believes for awhile

C: But in the time of testing falls away.

F: When trouble or persecution comes because of the word,

C: He quickly falls away.

J: Are you going to Bible study with me again tonight?

L: (*Excited*) Yeah, I'm looking forward to it.

M: (*Eavesdropping*) You're going to a Bible study? (*Disdainfully*) Are you some kind of loser?

K: Yeah, only losers believe that stuff.

M: (*Mocking*) Billy Bible banger.

L: (*to J*) Ummm. I changed my mind. I don't think I'm going to go after all.

A: The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear,

G: But as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures

A: They do not mature

G: The worries of this life,

A: The desires for other things

G: And the deceitfulness of wealth choke it

A: Making it unfruitful.

J: Are you guys going to Bible study tonight?

O: I have all this homework. I don't think so.

P: Me neither. I've got too much on my mind. I'm worried about Chris breaking up with me.

J: How about you?

Q: I'm trying to work this deal see, to get more stuff. Stuff's like really important.

P: Yeah, I heard that the one who dies with the most toys wins the game of life.

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J: You can't take that stuff with you when you die.

Q: You don't know that for sure. I know I'm going to try.

O: I'll go when it is a better time. I'm too busy right now.

H: The seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart

B: The man who hears the word

H: Accepts it and understands it.

B: And by persevering produces a crop.

H: A crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

J: You want know more about Jesus? I'm going to a Bible study and would be glad to have you come with me.

A: I sure do. Thanks for asking.

C: I want to know more about the Bible too. Can you tell us more?

J: I sure can.

I: I decided to find out about Jesus after all.

J: That's great. Whose your friend?

B: I'm Terry. I want to know more about Jesus too. Is it OK if I come along?

J: The more the merrier. *(They start to turn to exits)*

E: Hey, wait up.

F: We want to come too.

G: Yeah, me too. I decided that knowing about Jesus is one of the most important things I can do right now. *(Others agree as they walk off together)*

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