

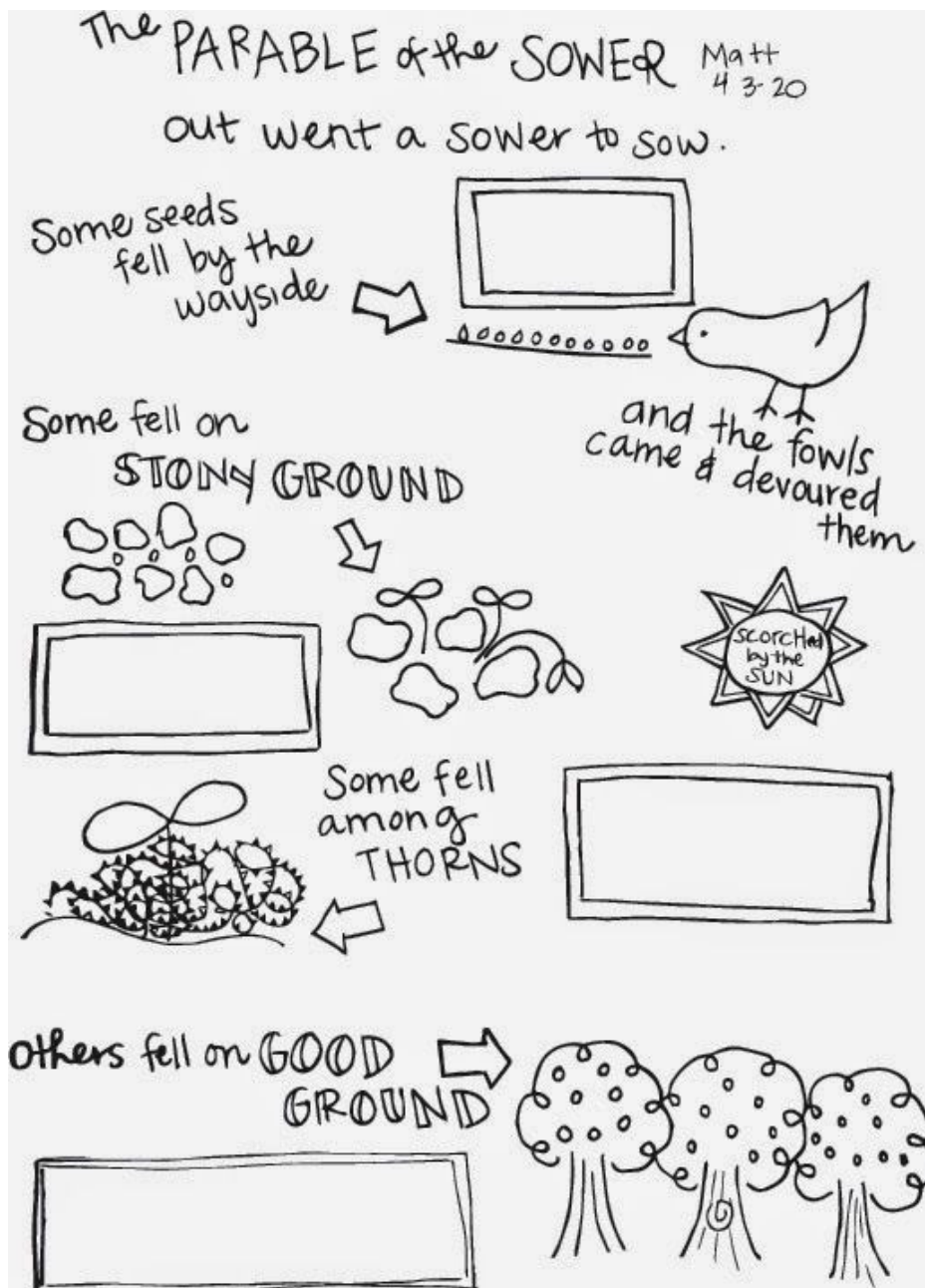
Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

Matthew 13:1-23

15th
Sunday

Today we hear the parable about the farmer who sows his seeds but some fall on stony ground, others are choked by weeds and only some fall on rich soil. This is like us. Do we listen carefully to what God wants us to do and how to behave? Are we like the seeds in rich soil or not?



Jeremiah

Jeremiah was a prophet in the Old Testament. He is also known as the 'weeping prophet'. Jeremiah came from a religious family, his father was a priest. But when Jeremiah was a young man the people of God were not behaving very well.

God decided that Jeremiah would be his prophet. A prophet is a messenger of God. He told Jeremiah to tell the people that they were to behave. Jeremiah didn't want to do this, he knew people wouldn't want to listen to him.

God told him to go where he said and that he would tell Jeremiah what to say and then he touched Jeremiah's mouth. God gave Jeremiah the courage, wisdom and strength to speak out but not even the king would listen to him. The priests got angry with him and wanted him to stop talking about God.

But Jeremiah reminded them all how God had helped them beat their enemies before but now the enemies were on the march again. Still the people would not listen. The king threw him into prison but he still kept on preaching about God. The king threw him into a deep, muddy dungeon but still Jeremiah continued to preach.

In the end, the king listened to Jeremiah but it was too late. The enemies had conquered the people of God and they were taken into captivity for the next 70 years.

THE CALLING OF JEREMIAH



"Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.
But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all
that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak."
JEREMIAH 1:6-7

Being Happy

God wants us to be happy, think about what makes you happy, what makes members of your family happy. Did you know that often when we make others happy we become happier too?

What makes me happy

What makes others happy

