

## Family Worship Guide Week of May 17th, 2015



One of the ways SC Kids partners with parents to make disciples of Jesus is to provide resources that promote discipleship in the home. This Family Worship Guide is intended to give parents content from this week's lesson to discuss with their children throughout the week.

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### REVIEW

This Sunday's lesson was called "The Four Soils" and comes from Matthew 13:1-23. For a children's bible version you can refer to Story 96 of the Gospel Story Bible.

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### GOSPEL

The gospel is the message about the kingdom of God that Jesus introduced in the parable of the sower. Not only is it planted in the lives of believers, but also we who are Christians then share it with others. We share the gospel with the world each time we are not afraid to testify about our Lord to the people around us. As God's farmers, we sow the seed, then water it, but it is God who makes it grow (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Since the beginning, the gospel was always how God planned to reach a dying world. The prophets of old longed to see the Messiah and God's salvation revealed. The disciples were the first to see God's plan unfold. Now all of us who receive that same message are called to join in the work of scattering the seed by spreading the good news of the gospel.

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### DISCUSS

#### What is a parable?

A parable is a story with a lesson in it.

#### Why did Jesus teach in parables?

So it would require faith to understand the true meaning of his stories.

#### What different kinds of soil are there and what do they represent?

The Path - the gospel is heard but it is not received

The Rocks - the gospel is received but it does not take root

The Thorns - the gospel is choked out by worldly concerns

The Good Soil - the gospel is heard, understood & produces a harvest

#### How do we become good soil?

The Holy Spirit takes the bad soil of our heart and makes it good soil.

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### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional family devotionals you can purchase "Old Story New: Ten Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God" at amazon.com or from the Sacred City Bookstore on Sunday.

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### SING

Singing is a great way for kids to experience and memorize God's Word. Here are a few family favorites: Preschool age - "Cedarmont Kids - Bible Songs" and for Preschool and Elementary age children we recommend the Morning Star Catechism CD (available at the SC bookstore) and Seeds Family Worship.

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### PRAY

Pray that God would make your heart into good soil so that you can receive the gospel, understand it, and be eager to obey God's will. Continue memorizing The Lord's Prayer with your children.



#### Preschool

9Q: What is God?

9A: God is a spirit and does not have a body like men.

*John 4:24 "God is a spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and truth."*

#### Lower Elementary

19Q: Have you a spirit as well as a body?

19A: Yes.

*1 Corinthians 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*



[click here for the full catechism](#)