



**SUNDAY 12th JULY  
TRINITY 5 (Proper 10)**



The Old Testament readings carry on in Genesis and tell us about Rebekah's twin boys! We are returning to the Gospel reading today for a story Jesus told about a farmer who sowed seeds in his field – and in some other places too!

**TODAY'S READING**

You can read today's story in the Bible, Matthew 13: 1-9 and 18-23.

<https://youtu.be/9LvvHXaKZPE> This Lego version is fun but uses the King James Version of the Bible – you might want to read a more modern version alongside this. (Please preview first to check it is suitable.)

Or <http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ls-parable-sower/> tells the story with illustrations.



**THINK ABOUT...**

Have you ever watched a farmer sowing seeds in a field today? They usually have a tractor towing a seed drill behind, like the one above. In Jesus' time the farmer would walk up and down with a big bag of seeds and scatter them all around.

If you were a farmer, which way would you like to sow your seeds?

**DRAW THE STORY**

Fold a piece of paper in half, then in half again so that you have 4 quarters to draw the story...



A	B
C	D



- A) is where the birds eat the seeds which fall on the path. Draw a bird eating the seeds.
- B) Draw some rocks or stones, then draw a little plant growing between them.
- C) Draw a big prickly weed and some little seeds trying to grow.
- D) Draw some wheat or other vegetables growing in good soil.

**THE THROWING CHALLENGE!**

You will need some bowls or cups (plastic is best), some pieces of card or paper to label the pots and a small soft ball or bean bag. Decide which bowl or cup is going to be the GOOD SOIL Put this bowl a little way away from you. Now the other bowls can go near to this one. Write a label to show which is the PATH, THE ROCKS and THE WEEDS.

Each person has 5 throws.

Who got the most seeds in the GOOD SOIL bowl? Can you remember what the good soil represented in the parable?

If you get any in the other bowls, see if you can remember what happened to the seed that fell in these places.

When Jesus told this story, his friends asked him why he told stories like this. He said, "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand." Jesus wanted people to listen and think about what he said. What do you think about this story?

Why not end by singing a song about how great God is? (e.g. Bigger than Big [https://open.spotify.com/track/5W2nhNxw5mJw89uvD7BJ8?si=S6FMIE1cQN-y4U68\\_jKVLQ](https://open.spotify.com/track/5W2nhNxw5mJw89uvD7BJ8?si=S6FMIE1cQN-y4U68_jKVLQ) Ask God to show you how to be good soil...