



Summer Seedlings

July 12 Teaching from a Boat



Many of the things that Jesus taught were in the form of a parable. A parable was a story to help those who were listening to understand a new idea by using everyday people, events and examples from life to explain what he was saying.

Very many people in the crowds who listened to Jesus talk about a sower who sowed seeds knew what a sower did either because they were farmers themselves or as they walked from place to place they could see what happened season to season in the countryside around them.

On the day Jesus told the Parable of the Sower there were so many people wanting to listen that Jesus had to go into a boat on the Sea of Galilee and use it as a platform to speak to the crowds on the beach.

Here is the story on video that you can also read in the New Testament part of the Bible in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 13 : 1 v 9 and 18 v 23 and in the Spark Story Bible. In the story Jesus does not tell the crowd what the parable means but Jesus explains it to his disciples a little later.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6LwEW8jX9A&app=desktop>

I wonder if you have worked out all about what Jesus meant. The parables that Jesus told are often there to make you think

Look at the video again or read the second part of the story in Matthew Chapter 13 : verses 18 v 23 a further time which explains what it means in Jesus' words if you have not already worked it out for yourself!

Why not try?

Looking when you are out and about, in the garden or on the television to see if you can see plants, flowers or crops that are growing well in good soil and where plants are having a problem because of the soil they are in ?

Have you been growing anything this summer? How is it doing?



Creative God

Our world is beautiful with all that grows in it, the sun and the rain, the people and the animals. You made them all. Help us grow into the people we are meant to be so everyone we meet knows about you and your love.

Amen