

Ears to Hear

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Based on: Luke 8:5-15: Chose actors from the audience. They should act out the words literally, especially the words that are underlined should be emphasized by the reader and the actor. The first paragraph has extra instructions that should be followed throughout the sketch. Because of space reasons, they are left out of the remaining paragraphs.

The following actors are needed:

A Farmer

Seed 1

2 Birds (2 actors)

Seed 2

Seed 3

Seed 4

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There once was a farmer who lived on a farm and it came time to plant his crop. He went out into his field and threw the seed (*grab Seed 1 and throw him/her*), which was caught in the wind and it flew over there (*points to one side of the room*), and it flew over there (*points to the other side of the room*), and it flew over there (*points to the opposite side*), and landed (*wait for person to fall down*), (*pause*) over there (*points to the opposite side from where the seed landed*). The farmer walked over the seed (*farmer should step over the seed as if to trample him/her*) and then two hungry birds flew upon the seen. They circled the seed and called at it, they landed, then pecked at it. Then they grabbed the seed, picked it up and drug it off to the side of the stage.

The farmer threw more seed. The seed was once again caught in the wind and it flew over there, and it flew over there, and it flew over there, and it landed, over there. This seed landed on the hard, rough, jagged rocks, which hurt (*the seed should express his/her pain*). The seed, however, was still able to grow. And it grew, and grew, but then, it got thirsty, real thirty, so thirsty it thought it was going to die, and finally (*pause*) it did!

The farmer continued to throw more seed. The wind carried the seed, over there, and then it flew over there, and it flew over there, and finally it landed,

(*pause*) over there, next to sharp, pointy thorns (*seed should express his/her pain*). The seed grew, and grew, but as the seed grew, so did the thorns. Soon there wasn't enough room for both the seed and the thorns and the thorns started to choke the seed. The thorns choked and choked the seed until the seed finally died.

The farmer threw his remaining seed and it flew over there, and it flew over there, and it flew over there, and it landed (*pause*) right there (*point to the spot the seed is already sitting at*). There were no birds, no rocks, plenty of water, and no thorns. The seed grew and grew and grew and grew until it was 100 times more than what it once was. (*the remaining is said to the audience while pointing at the appropriate seed*)

He who has ears to hear, let him hear. Where the seed falls is the world and the church. The seed is the Word of God and it falls along the path, on the rocks, among the thorns, and on good soil. People who hear but do not understand what they hear are like the seed that falls on the path and the devil comes, like the birds, to takes it away so they will not believe and be saved. Those that fall on the rocks and grow do not have strong roots and fall away when they are tempted. People who have heard and then go on their way but are choked with worries, riches, and pleasures of life not only bring no fruit to maturity, but they are also like the seeds among the thorns. But the seed in the good soil are the ones who have heard the Word in an honest and good heart, and believe it and bear much fruit with perseverance.

When the Word of God falls on you, will you be like the path, the rocks, the thorns, or the good soil that it lands on?