

LESSON 19

THE FARMER

Luke 8:4-8,11,15

Jesus told a story about the sower. A sower is a farmer who sows seeds in the earth.

This farmer took his basket filled with seed to the field. He took handfuls of seed from the basket and threw it all around him as he walked.

Some seed fell on the pathway, and the birds flew down and ate it up. The sun dried up the seed which fell on the rocks. Some seed fell on the weeds and had no room to grow.

Some seed fell on good rich soil, and the sun and the rain made it grow into healthy strong plants. The farmer had lots of grain to reap, when it was fully grown.

Jesus had a lesson to teach us. He said that the seed is the word of God - the Bible. Just as the farmer sowed the seed in the ground, so God plants His word in our hearts. If we listen carefully to His words from the Bible, we will grow up to be pleasing to God.

ACTIVITY

Paste birdseed in the appropriate places. Number the areas one to four where the seed fell in the story. Paste soil around the seed in the good ground. Colour the picture.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

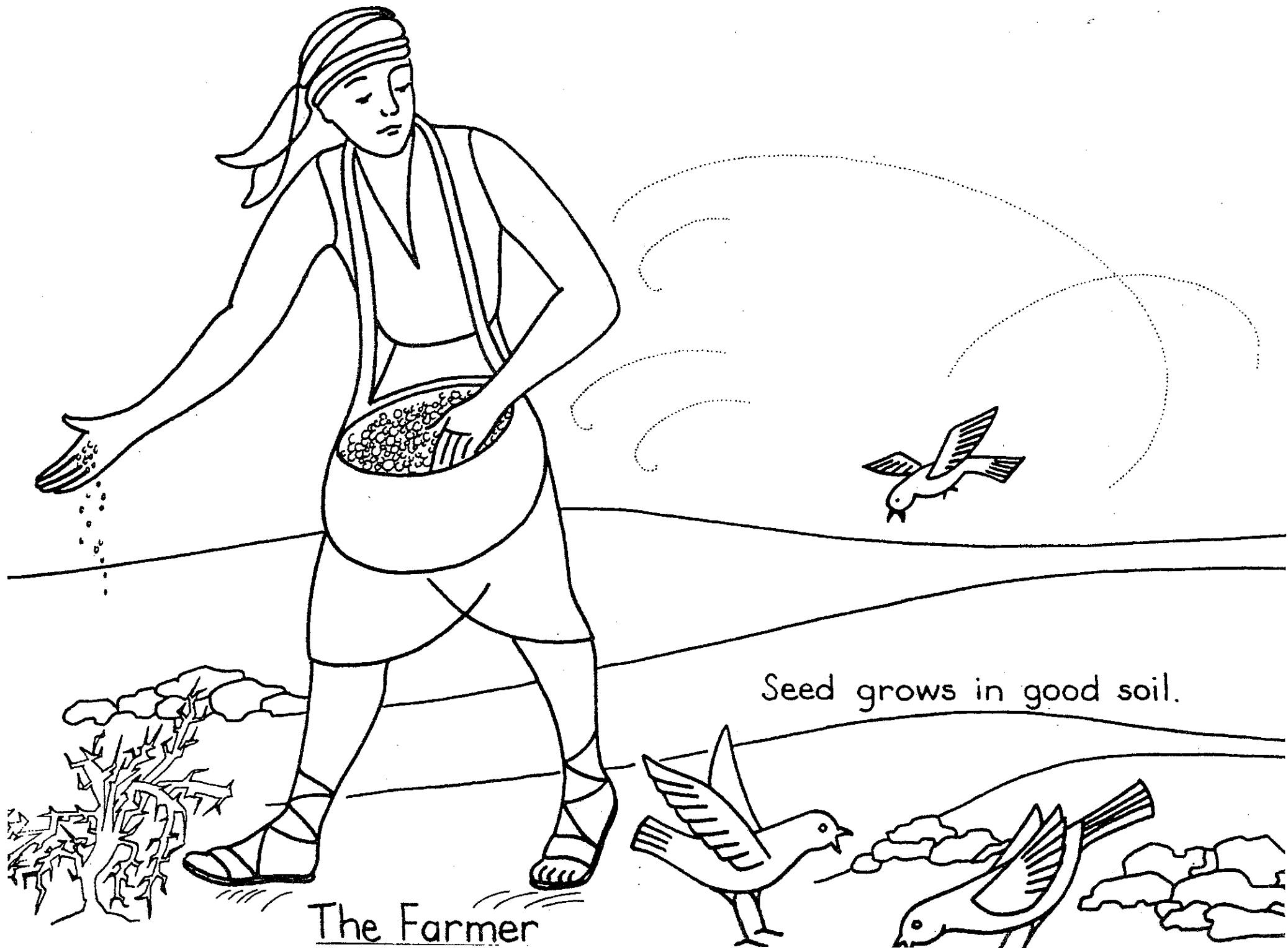
Prepare four boxes representing the different types of ground.

Use a paper plate with brown playdough as a base, to illustrate the lesson. Cut out pictures of birds and use small pebbles, bushes, and soil to complete.

Compare the way seed is sown now with the sower in Jesus' times.

Grow wheat on damp cotton wool in egg cartons or plastic lids.

Make a progressive collage mural displaying the sun, birds, stones, thorns, good ground, rain, and plants.



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Seed grows in good soil.