


	The parable of the sower	
Presence of God	Considering how God looks at me.	
History Matthew 13, 1 – 8	<p>1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.</p>	
Petition	<i>Lord, may I know you and understand your parables clearly, to love you more deeply and follow you more nearly!</i>	
Contemplation	<p>v 1 – 3 Jesus teaches in parables <i>Does anybody know what a parable is? (Let the children answer) It is a kind of tale that Jesus used, to teach something difficult in a way that could be easily understood. He used everyday life elements so that everybody could get the message: seeds, bread yeast, orchards and vegetables, patches for clothes, etc.</i> <i>In Jesus’ times, there were no supermarkets: people ate what they sew in their fields. It was the only way to get bread, fruits or wine. And this is the story of a sower who worked to win the bread for his family. And back then, they didn’t have sowing machines as we do now. The sower planted the seeds by hand, one by one, in a little hole he had previously made with great care. Do you think that the seeds were important to him?</i> <i>Let’s imagine... how did the sower feel that morning when he went out to sow his seeds? What would he be thinking about? What did he hope for each seed?</i></p> <p>v 4 – 8 Jesus plants the seed in our hearts <i>(Through questions, the children describe the four types of soil) Some of the seeds fell along the path ... What happened to those seeds? Some fell on rocky places.... What happened to those? And others fell among thorns... Could they grow? How would the sower feel about those seeds?</i> <i>But others fell on good soil, fertile soil and ...Do they produce a crop?... How would the sower feel?</i> <i>At the beginning, we said that a parable was a tale used to teach something difficult in an easy way. Let’s close our eyes and think what Jesus really wanted to explain to us through this parable... Who was the sower in this story? What did the seeds and the soil represent?</i></p>	<p>Every sower wants his seeds to grow strong and thrive.</p> <p>God wants us to do our best and bear fruit.</p> <p>The sower represents God; the seed, his word; and the soil, us. It is important to be good soil so that the works of God may bear fruit. “But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown”. (Matthew 13, 23)</p>

Colloquy

*Let's sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts.
In secret, from the bottom of your heart, tell Jesus the kind of soil you would like to be for his word and for his message of love. Tell Him...
He is listening to you! .*

