

Student Guide
Fall

Upper Elementary
Year 1



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The Sower and the Seed

Read Jesus' parable in Matthew 13:18–23. Then number the pictures in the order they happened in the story.









Use the Word Bank to fill in the blanks.

Word Bank

soil

thorns

God's Word

The seed is _____.

The rocky or shallow _____ stands for those who hear the Word but fall away.

The _____ stand for the cares and worries of life.

This week's verse: All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right (2 Timothy 3:16).

THE SOWER AND THE SEED

Dear Parent,

Today we learned that Jesus had much to say about God's Word, including that not everyone receives the truth of Scripture in the same way. To illustrate His point, Jesus told a parable about a farmer who planted some seed in his field. Although the farmer planted the same seeds (God's Word) in all areas of his field, only about a quarter produced an abundant harvest. Jesus explained the parable to His disciples and us.

Bible Reference: Matthew 13, 2 Timothy 3. To help review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the two testaments in the Bible?
- Which testament tells us about things that happened before Christ? Which testament tells us about the life of Christ and the early church?
- How can you tell the difference between the chapters and verses in the Bible?
- What is a parable?
- What parable of Jesus' did we read today?
- Why do you think Jesus told parables?

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16

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Bible Truth: God Always Tells the Truth

We learned that God speaks through His Word. God's Word is truth and a trustworthy guide for our life. Discuss with your child ways that you have seen God work in your life through the study of God's Word.

Character Trait: Dependability

Studying God's Word helps us to know that God can be counted on to do what He says. As we strive to be more like Jesus, we know we need to be dependable too. Applaud your child when he or she demonstrates dependability.

Creation

Read Genesis 1:24–31. Circle the words that tell things God made on the sixth day.

sun	moon	horses	fish	birds	cats	stars
dogs	light	water	people	cows	tigers	
trees	sharks	day	night	tomatoes		hippos

Use the Word Bank to fill in the blanks.

Word Bank

good image food multiply

People are made in God's _____.

God gave people plants for _____.

God looked at His creation and saw that it was very _____.

God told people to be fruitful and _____.



Date Palm in Israel

This week's verse: There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live (1 Corinthians 8:6).

CREATION

Dear Parent,

Today we learned that God created the heavens and the earth by the power of His word. History's first week is the story of God's omnipotent, creative acts. With the physical environment prepared for life, God filled the earth and seas with every kind of living plant and animal, commanding that each produce offspring of its own species (Genesis 1:12, 21, 24). Finally, at the end of the sixth day, God created the crowning glory of his earthly creation: a man and a woman. Creation reveals a God of order, intelligence, purpose, and love Who alone deserves all glory, thanksgiving, and honor.

Bible Reference: Genesis 1–2. To help review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- Who made the heavens and the earth?
- What did God do to create everything?
- What did God say about the things He created?
- Did life just happen, or did God plan for life on Earth?

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 8:6

There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.

Bible Truth: God Is the Creator

By the power of His Word, God spoke order to the formless earth, filled the cosmos with light, separated the waters below and above the earth, divided the land and sea, and spangled the heavens with stars. He is the Creator and Sustainer of life.

Character Trait: Gratitude

When we look at the heavens and the beauty of the earth, our hearts should be moved to thank God for everything. Pray with your child, thanking God for His love and provision for you and your family.

The Fall

Read Genesis 3:1–7. Unscramble the words from the story. Write the words correctly on the lines.



uifrt _____
 pesernt _____
 owman _____
 bhusadn _____
 smdowi _____
 eta _____
 etmpt _____

Use some words you unscrambled to complete the sentence.

Because the _____ and her

the
God

said not to eat, they had to leave the garden forever, and now all people sin.



This week's verse: Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone (Romans 5:18).

THE FALL

Dear Parent,

Today we learned that the first people, Adam and Eve, lived in a beautiful garden. They had none of the pressures or regulations we must abide by today. However, God imposed one strict rule: they were not to eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If they did so, they would die. Satan, God's enemy, disguised as a snake, tempted Eve to believe she would be as wise as God if she ate the fruit. Eve gave some fruit to Adam who ate it too.

Bible Reference: Genesis 2–3. To help review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- Did both Adam and Eve know that they were not supposed to eat the fruit?
- What lie did the serpent/Satan tell Eve?
- Why do you think Eve ate the fruit even though she knew it was wrong?
- Do people today sometimes willfully disobey God?
- How do you feel when you do something you know is wrong?
- Can you hide your sin from God?

Memory Verse: Romans 5:18

Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.

Bible Truth: Sin Causes Problems between People and God

We learned that because of Adam and Eve's willful disobedience to God, all people are now born with a sinful nature, which means we all tend to sin. Discuss ways that you have resisted the temptation to sin or how you have repented when you know you have done wrong. Compliment your child when you see him or her honor God instead of succumbing to the temptation to sin.

Character Trait: Honesty

Honesty with God is critical to having a relationship with Him. Even though Adam answered truthfully that he hid because he was naked, he didn't tell God the whole truth—he realized he was naked because he ate the forbidden fruit! Sometimes children tell half-truths and don't think they are lying, but a half-truth is still a falsehood. Encourage your child to tell the whole truth, even when he or she would prefer to hold something back.

EPHESIANS 2:20

*Together,
we are his house,
built on the foundation
of the apostles
and the prophets.
And the cornerstone
is Christ Jesus himself.*



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