


Activity	Materials
<p><b>Attention grabber: Working in the garden</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you use things like this for? ... are they for cooking?</li> <li>• I use these things for working in the garden.</li> <li>• These are seeds that will be planted in the ground</li> <li>• Farmers grow lots of things in the garden ... lots of the foods you like to eat!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeds and small gardening implements</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fine motor skills activity: Seeds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have some seeds here ... did you know what will grow from these seeds?</li> <li>• Give everyone a small bag and a spoon, they put two spoonfuls of seeds into their bag</li> <li>• Seal the bags</li> <li>• Label the bags 'seeds' talk about how the word seeds has two 's' letters that are the same</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rice, pepitas, seeds of any variety</li> <li>• Small plastic bags</li> <li>• Spoons</li> </ul>
<p><b>Story and question time: Parable of the sower</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use a sand tray and peg doll to tell the story (or a cutlery tray filled with soil etc.)</li> <li>• if you have a suitable space, give each child a bag of seeds (eg. Pearl barley or similar) and go outside and 'sow the seeds' by throwing them into different types of ground (path / driveway; rocky ground etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peg dolls</li> <li>• Sand tray</li> </ul>
<p><b>Craft time: four types of ground – paper plate or page</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw lines onto the paper plate dividing into four 'slices'</li> <li>• Paper path, bird sticker</li> <li>• Cellophane (green) weeds</li> <li>• Spiky paper prickles / thorns</li> <li>• Round balls of paper = stony ground</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper plates</li> <li>• Bird stickers</li> <li>• Precut strip of paper as path</li> <li>• Coloured paper</li> </ul>
<p><b>Song time: The farmer's going to scatter the seed</b> (Tune: "Daddy's Taking us to the Zoo Tomorrow")</p> <p>The farmer's going to scatter the seed around, Seed around, seed around, The farmer's going to scatter the seed around, Four different types of ground.</p>	
<p><b>Craft time: Different types of ground (optional)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give each child a section of egg carton</li> <li>• Add the soil, use a large spoon to each fill up the holes</li> <li>• Recap each type of ground as you go (rocky – adding pebbles to each one; path – adding cardboard path; thorns and thistles – adding crepe paper thistles; good ground)</li> <li>• Add seeds to each one and talk about what would happen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Egg carton (cut sections of 4 holes for each child)</li> <li>• Clean potting mix/soil</li> <li>• Seeds and pebbles</li> <li>• Precut crepe paper thistles, cardboard path</li> </ul>
<p><b>Craft time: Birds that came and ate the seeds on the path</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circle of coloured paper to each child, fold in half</li> <li>• Add feathers (wings and tails), googly eyes and beak</li> </ul> <p>(craft inspired by <a href="#">Happy Hooligans</a>)</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precut circles of paper</li> <li>• Feathers and strips of coloured paper (tail feathers)</li> <li>• Googly eyes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Memory verse: We will listen and obey. Deuteronomy 5:27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you remember our memory verse?</li> <li>• Practice saying it and give everyone a sticker for trying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memory verse sheets</li> <li>• Stickers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Take home:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colouring sheet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colouring sheet (p. 79 in Action Heroes 1 teacher's book)</li> </ul>

NB: mix and match the activities to suit your students and the materials you have available

## Notes:

Familiarizing yourself with the story

- Matthew 13

Making props

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