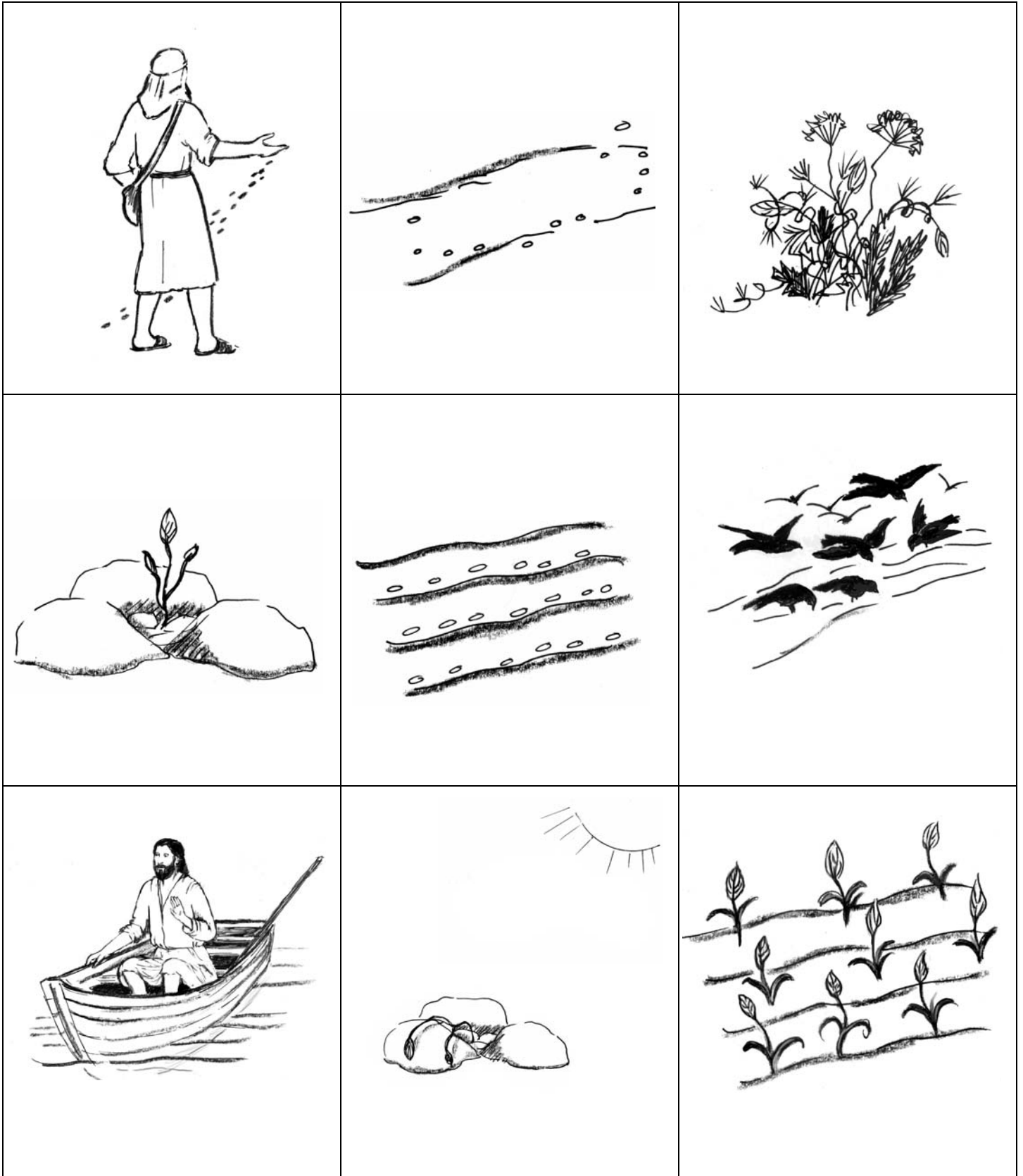


# Parable of the Sower Cards for Exploring the Deeper Meaning

These cards picture the parable of the Sower. After cutting them apart, you can sequence the story (see Mark 4:1-9) and use them with the cards on the next page to explore the spiritual meaning.



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These cards provide the text of the parable from Mark 4 and summarize the spiritual meaning.

<p>And He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea...</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>The Lord came on earth to teach people what is true and good.</i></p>	<p>Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them: "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow."</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>The Lord gives us seeds of truth in His Word.</i></p>	<p>And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside...</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>Seeds of truth fall by the wayside in our minds when we don't pay attention to them.</i></p>
<p>...and the birds of the air came and devoured it.</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>Our preoccupation with other things takes the truth away from us.</i></p>	<p>Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth.</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>Seeds of truth fall on stony ground in our minds when we find them interesting, but don't love them.</i></p>	<p>But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>If we don't love these stories from the Word, we will forget them.</i></p>
<p>And some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>Selfish thoughts grow like thorny plants and choke the truths of the Word that are growing in our minds.</i></p>	<p>But other seed fell on good ground...</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>The seeds of truth fall on good ground when we read the Word with affection and want to do what it teaches us.</i></p>	<p>...and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirty fold, some sixty, and some a hundred."</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> <i>Our lives become fruitful and happy as we live the truth—doing as the Lord has spoken in His Word.</i></p>

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**Optional** Use these cards to write your own thoughts or response to each part of the story so you can lay out the picture, the text, the meaning, and your response beside each other.
