

LESSON 56 – CASCADE NEW CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Text: Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13:1-9

Recitation:

“But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty” (Matthew 13:8).

Themes:

1. Talk about how we are like the soil and the Lord sends His “seeds.” He showers them down: good thoughts and good ideas. The Lord sends us many more than we can ever use. The ones we do use grow into beautiful, useful things.
2. Talked about the Bible phrase, “hardening your heart.” When hearts are “hard,” they are like packed dirt on which no seeds can grow. Talked about other bad or useless “soils”: rocky, shallow, thorns...
3. A great opportunity to rejoice in the good things “growing” in our lives, which the Lord has planted as well as all things growing in our beautiful world.

Activities:

1. Brought pea pots and potting soil, and labels with the recitation on them to glue on the pots. Write names on labels, and then glue them on. Add a nice sticker if they can learn the verse.
2. We planted paper white narcissus bulbs and also mung beans, so they wouldn't have to wait too long for results. Children love to plant and love to watch growth! They proudly took their pots home.

Adaptations for Older Children:

Did the same project. Then wrote in Sunday School journals about the meaning of the parable. Could also draw a mural together, depicting the journey of seeds and write what it means.