

TEACHER'S QUICK-GLANCE CHEAT SHEET

SERMONS4CHILDREN
Classroom Companion Guide
Matthew 13:8 • Ages 4–11

The Harvest Starts With a Seed: Parable of the Sower

0:00–0:05 ARRIVAL TV Countdown & Welcome	0:05–0:15 LESSON Bible Story Presentation	0:15–0:25 OBJECT & VERSE Object Lesson & Scripture	0:25–0:40 ACTIVE & CRAFT Class Game & Vector Craft	0:40–0:50 DISMISSAL Prayer & Parent Slips
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CORE BIG IDEA

God's Word is like a seed--when we keep our hearts open, humble, and obedient, God produces a hundred-fold harvest in our lives!

TARGET MEMORY VERSE (Matthew 13:8)

“Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (Matthew 13:8)

STORY BEATS (Say This In Your Own Words)

- 1. The Sower's Generosity:** A farmer went out and scattered seeds everywhere--on footpaths, rocks, weeds, and good soil.
- 2. The Four Soils:** Birds ate the footpath seeds; the rocky soil dried up quickly; weeds choked the third patch.
- 3. The Good Soil:** The good soil had deep roots, plenty of water, and produced an incredible, giant harvest!
- 4. The Heart Check:** Jesus explained the soils are our hearts. God wants our hearts soft and ready to listen!

OBJECT LESSON DEMONSTRATION

Prop: 4 small pots or clear cups labeled: Footpath (birds), Rocks, Weeds, Good Soil with a plant.

Say: “Which soil will your heart be this week? When you obey God's Word, you become the good soil that grows!”

ONE-ROOM MULTI-AGE ROLE CHEAT

Ages 4–7 (Tactile Helpers):

- Hold a single sunflower or bean seed tightly in hand during the story.

Ages 8–11 (Leaders):

- Read Matthew 13:8 aloud and share what '100-fold' fruit looks like in school or family.

SENSORY & MOVEMENT ANCHORS

- Touch dry gravel vs. rich soft potting soil in cups.

ACTIVE GAME TIME (10 Min)

The Seed Toss Relay: Kids toss beanbag 'seeds' into 4 soil buckets. Watch out for the 'Bird' defender! Use the 60-second TV timer!

CLOSING PRAYER (Read Together)

“Dear Jesus, soften our hearts so Your Word takes deep root. Help us choose kindness, truth, and obedience so we produce fruit that honors You. In Jesus' name, Amen!”

DISMISSAL: Hand each child a Car Ride Home Pocket Slip as parents arrive!