

Sunday, October 29, 2017: The Sower (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

Welcome: Spend some time checking in with the students.

Opening Prayer: “Heavenly King” – Did this last week; see poster board

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 – **Read Gospel in class**

Lesson: The Sower

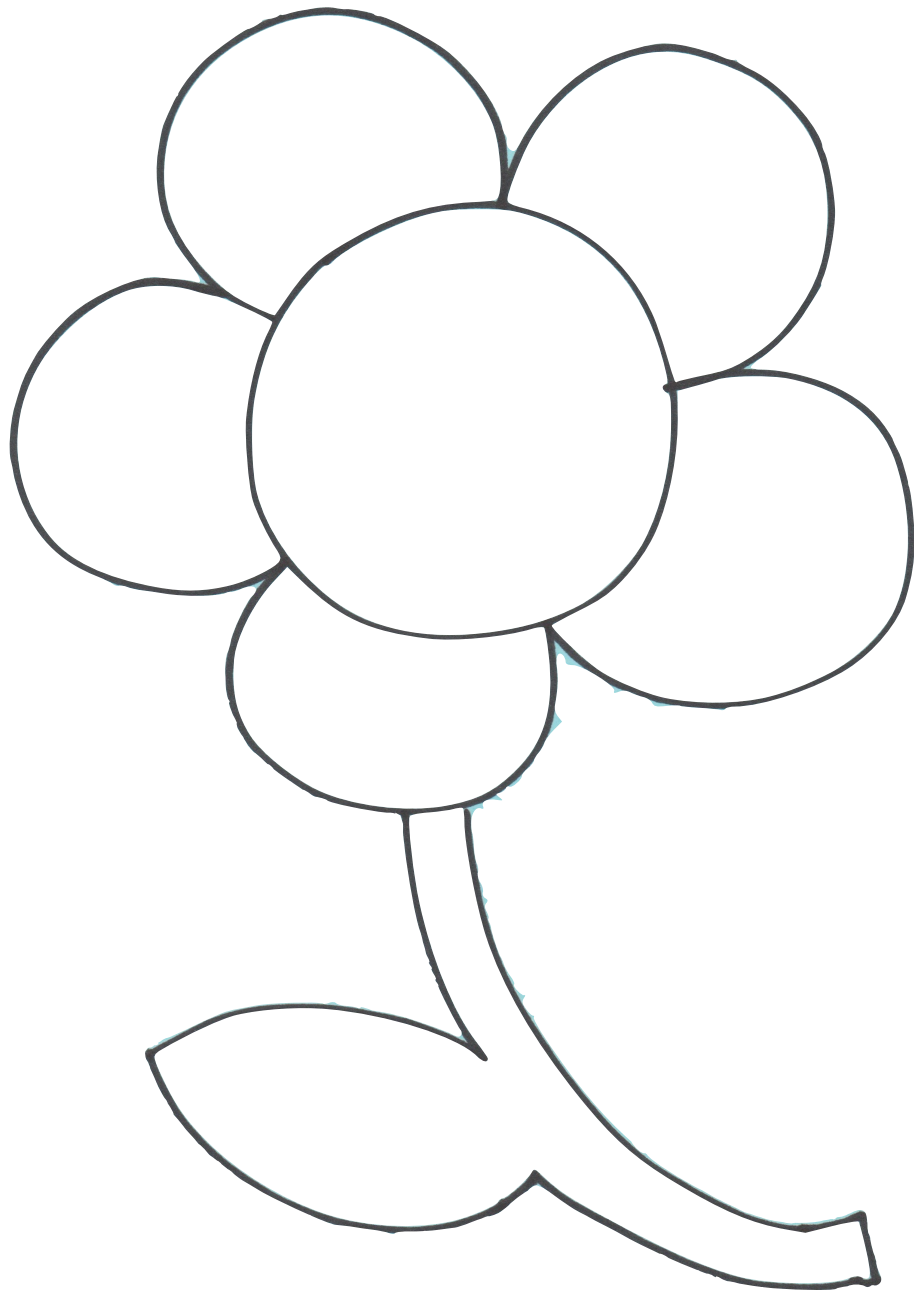
- What did we hear in the Gospel today? Parable of the Sower. Seed on wayside, rocks, thorns, good soil. Where did the seed grow best? Good soil.
- A parable is a story that represents something else. The seed in this story is God’s Word, the things that God tells us to do.
- Where can we hear God’s Word? At church, our parents, our teachers, while listening to music, when we pray, when we read the Bible, when we’re quiet.
- When we listen to God’s Word with an open heart, our faith grows big and strong and we are able to follow Jesus’ teachings better.

Craft: Seed flowers

- Materials: Poster paper cut to letter size, flower outline template, assorted beans/seeds/rice, white glue, markers
- How To: Prior to class, draw the flower outline on the pieces of poster paper. Hand out paper to each child. Make the seeds/beans available to the students. Squeeze white glue onto each flower part, making sure a generous layer covers each section. Paste seeds/beans onto the white glue into whatever pattern you like. Let dry.

End of Class: Hand out “Car Qs” to children, and “Cheat Sheet” to parents.

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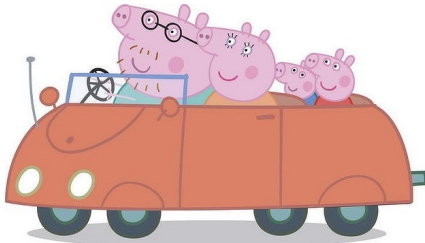


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Car QS

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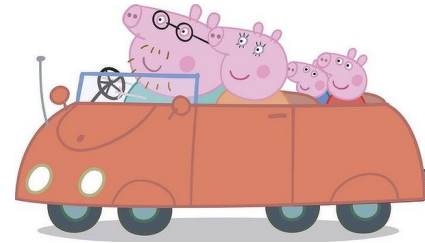
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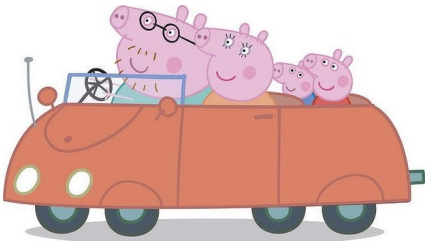
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Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs

Oct. 29/17, The Parable of The Sower (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

- 1. Where did the seed grow the best in today's parable?**
 1. Good soil
 2. The "seed" is actually the Word of God and the "good soil" is the person who, "having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keeps it and bears fruit with patience." (Luke 8:15)
- 2. Name a place where the seeds didn't grow well. Bonus: why didn't they grow well?**
 1. By the wayside, on rock, in the thorns.
 1. By the wayside = people who hear the Word of God, but then the devil takes the word out of them before they can be saved (Luke 8:12)
 2. On rock = people who receive the Word with joy, but because there's no root, they only believe for a little bit and then go back to their old ways (Luke 8:13)
 3. In the thorns = people who hear the Word but when they go into the world their faith is choked out of them by the cares of the world, riches, and pleasures of life (Luke 8:14)
- 3. Name 3 ways we can hear God's Word. Can you name 5? 10?**
 1. At church (during the Gospel/Epistle readings), parents, teachers, while listening to music, when praying, when reading the Bible, when being silent.
 2. Really, you can hear the Word of God anywhere and everywhere, in good times and in bad. Work with your children to realize that Jesus is always present and so is His Word.