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MYOCN PEW PALS



Third Sunday of Luke

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. A parable is a story that teaches us an important lesson. In this story a farmer went out to plant seeds, he wanted to grow big and beautiful plants so he throws the seeds all over his field hoping that they will grow. Now let's think of the seeds like the lessons that God teaches us.

Some seeds fell on the **hard path** and they were stepped on and eaten by birds. This is like when we hear a Bible story but don't really think about it or listen to the words. Some fell on **rocky ground** – they started to grow but dried up because they had no roots. This is like when we are really excited about something but then quickly forget about it when it gets difficult. Some seeds fell among **thorns** – but they were choked by weeds and were never able to grow big. This is like when we pay too much attention to our toys and it stops us from paying attention to what God says. And some fell on **good soil** – they grew strong and produced much fruit.

When our hearts are hard, distracted, or filled with worries, God's Word can't grow well. But when our hearts are open, patient, and full of faith, God's love grows strong inside us—just like plants in good soil. Our job is to be like good soil—to listen to God's Word, keep it safe in our hearts, and let it grow through our actions: kindness, prayer, forgiveness, and love.

Family Homework

- Weed Watch: Talk about "weeds" in our lives – worries, jealousy, or anger – and how prayer and kindness help pull them out.
- Bible Seeds: Read a short Bible verse each night as a "seed of the day." Talk about how to live it out tomorrow.

Memory Verse



"But the seed in the good soil stands for those who hear the Word of God and keep it." - Luke 8:15

CRAFT - Seed Mosaic Heart

MATERIALS:

- Cardboard
- pencil, scissors
- Hole punch + ribbon/string
- Glue
- Assorted dry seeds (e.g., beans, peas, rice, lentils)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Trace & Cut Draw a paper heart template to trace onto cardboard; cut out the heart. Punch a hole near the top for hanging.
- **Sketch the "Soils" Guide** Lightly divide the heart into four bands and label: Path, Rocky, Thorns, Good Soil (Luke 8:5–8). This gives kids a visual map for the parable.
- Glue the Seeds by "Soil"
 - Path: a thin, scattered line of tiny seeds (some may "blow away")
 - Rocky: a short row with gaps (shows shallow roots)
 - Thorns: a dense, tangled cluster (shows crowding)
 - Good Soil: a wide, neat area with well-placed seeds (shows growth)
- Dry & Hang Let the mosaic dry completely.
 Thread ribbon through the hole to hang in your prayer corner.

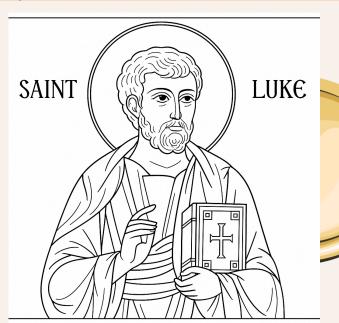


Table Discussion

"What kind of soil do I want my heart to be? How can I help God's Word grow stronger in my life this week?"

Saint Stories

LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Saint Luke was one of the four writers of the Holy Gospels in the New Testament. He was not one of the twelve apostles, but he was a beloved friend and helper of Saint Paul. Luke was very smart and welleducated – he was a doctor and also an artist. He used his talents to serve God. Saint Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, which tell us about the life of Jesus, the early Church, and how the apostles shared the Good News with the world.

According to tradition, Saint Luke was also the first iconographer – the very first person to paint an icon of the Theotokos (the Mother of God) holding the Christ Child. The Church remembers him not just for his words, but for using art to bring people closer to God.

Saint Luke teaches us that God can use any gift or skill we have – writing, drawing, science, music, or kindness – to share His love. Luke used his gifts of healing, storytelling, and art to help others know Jesus.

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