

SUPPLIES: Story Page, flower cutout, green yarn, tape, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story page and crayons.**
 - *“Come on over to the table, friends! In our story today, Jesus told a story about a farmer who planted seeds. Let’s make a special picture to show what happens when a seed in good soil starts to grow!”*

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to color the story page. Let each child choose a flower cutout and tape it to a piece of green yarn. Feed the yarn through the two holes in the page and tie a knot in the back.**
 - *“First, let’s get our picture ready. You can color the sky and the soil. Make it a beautiful place for a plant to grow! (Allow time to color.) Now, you can each pick a flower for your plant and we’ll add it to the picture so that it can grow. (Place the flower on the yarn and tape together from the back. Feed the yarn through the holes in the picture and tie a knot in the back. Pull the yarn so that the flower is at the bottom of the page.) Watch this. When the seeds are planted in good soil, it grows, and grows, and grows. (Pull the yarn to move the flower up the page.) Now you try. Slowly pull the string up! Look! Your plant is growing! Pull, pull, pull! It’s growing bigger and bigger! Wow! You made your plant grow!”*

- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“You did a super job helping your plant grow! Jesus’ story teaches us that when we listen to His words and do what He says, it’s like our hearts are good soil, and good things can grow inside us, just like this plant grew from a tiny seed!*
 - **“Who teaches you about God’s kingdom?”**
 - **“Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Story Seeds

SUPPLIES: Story seeds pages, small pom-poms

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Set out the Story Seed pages on the floor and give each child 4 pom-pom 'seeds.'**
- *"Let's act out the story Jesus told about the farmer! These pom-poms are our seeds, and these pictures show where they landed."*
- ⇒ **Review the story as you point out each page and encourage the children to throw their 'seeds' on each page.**
- *"First, Jesus said some seeds fell on the hard path! (Point to the path mat.) Let's toss some seeds there! (Let child toss pom-poms to the hard path mat.) Oh no! The birds came and ate them! Gobble, gobble! (Pinch your fingers as your bird to "eat" the pom-poms.)*
 - *"Then, some seeds fell on the rocks! (Point to the rocks mat.) Let's toss some seeds there. (Let child toss pom-poms to the rock mat.) They started to grow, but it got too hot and there was no water. (Pretend to be a hot sun.) Some seeds fell in the thorns! Let's toss seeds there. (Let child toss pom-poms to the thorny mat.) The thorns grew bigger and the plants could not grow. But some seeds fell on the GOOD SOIL! Let's toss lots of seeds here! (Let child toss pom-poms to the good soil mat.) These seeds grew into big, strong, healthy plants! Hooray!"*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
- *"In the story Jesus told, Jesus said we want our hearts to be like the good soil. When we hear and DO what Jesus says, God's kingdom grows. When we love like Jesus, God's kingdom grows. When we share our toys, God's kingdom grows. When we say kind words to our friends, God's kingdom grows. Jesus teaches us so many good things. When we listen to Jesus and do what He says, God's kingdom grows!*
 - **"Who teaches you about God's kingdom?"**
 - **"Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom!"**

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ACTIVITY #2

How He Teaches Us

SUPPLIES: Foam cube, image cards (in sleeves of cube)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children on the carpet.**

- *“Friends, Jesus wants us to know all about God’s kingdom, so he gives us lots of different ways to listen and learn. Let’s play a game to remember some of the ways we can learn about God’s kingdom!”*

⇒ **Encourage each child to roll the cube and review different ways Jesus teaches us about God’s kingdom. Review the question after each child’s turn.**

- *“There are so many ways we can hear from Jesus to learn about God’s kingdom. Let’s roll this cube and see what ways we can learn about God’s kingdom!”*
 - **Bible:** *We can read Jesus’ words about God’s kingdom*
 - **Praying:** *We can talk to Jesus about God’s kingdom*
 - **Church:** *We can learn about Jesus and God’s kingdom at church*
 - **Worship:** *We can sing songs that teach us about God’s kingdom*
 - **Grown-ups:** *We can ask grown-ups about Jesus and God’s kingdom*
 - **Heart:** *The most important thing Jesus teaches us is that he loves us!*
- *“Now tell me friends, **Who teaches you about God’s kingdom? Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom!**”*

⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“There are so many ways that we can learn about what Jesus teaches us about God’s kingdom!”*
- *“**Who teaches you about God’s kingdom?**”*
- *“**Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom!**”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JULY WEEK 1

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *Loved: The Lord's Prayer* by Sally Lloyd-Jones – **keep this all month**

ASK A QUESTION

Who teaches you about God's Kingdom?

Jesus teaches me about God's Kingdom!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Put God's kingdom first." Matthew 6:33

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.