



SUNDAY SCHOOL IDEAS FOR June 28

IDEA #1: WRITE A HAIKU (3 LINES: 5 SYLLABLES IN FIRST, 7 SYLLABLES IN SECOND, 5 SYLLABLES IN THIRD)

Example:

Planting careful seeds,
But the soil may be reckless—
Shallow, rocky, weeds!

IDEA #2: GET YOUR FEET MUDDY AND WALK ON PAPER TO MAKE A DESIGN.

IDEA #3: FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Draw a plant that is growing strong and is healthy and happy. This plant is like a person who listens to what Jesus tells us in the Bible.

IDEA #4: FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

For this art activity remember that the soil in the parable represents a person's response to the Gospel.

This art activity is about creating a design that is built out of words and phrases. First think about the concept of what are the cares of the world, and other things in your life that may be preventing you from acting on the word of the Gospel. What might be choking your ability to hear the word like the thorny soil that chokes the plant? When is your life like the good soil that readily hears and acts upon God's word?

Perhaps you will illustrate your design with plant forms that are growing strongly or are struggling to go along with your phrases; or, you can keep it simple and just use words in some kind of a design that you come up with that represents to you the feeling of flourishing or being stunted.

IDEA #5: FOUR SEEDS MOVEMENT EXERCISE

Act out the growth cycle of each of the four seeds in the parable. Start by sitting on the floor curled up like a seed, and then slowly move through the stages of growth (and failure or success) of one of the seeds. Repeat for each of the four seeds in the parable.

Variation 1

If you have four or more members in your family/household, have one person be each one of the seeds. Start in a line of four and act out each of the four seeds in the order of the parable. If you have more than four people, someone might want to be a bird or a weed. Consider filming your family's interpretation of the parable.

Variation 2

Find a piece of instrumental music to use as a soundtrack for either of the above exercises.