



LIFE OF JESUS

# The Four Soils

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## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

## Slide: Series Intro

**Leader Tip:** Put on an apron and have a bucket, small shovel, a cup of water, some seeds and dirt. Explain to the kids that they are going to help you plant something in your bucket. As a group, come up with the proper steps for planting.

Before we jump into our lesson this week, I have some questions for you! Have you ever tried to grow a plant? (allow kids to answer). What sorts of things did you have to do to keep it alive? (allow kids to answer). Yeah! You have to do things like water it and make sure it gets enough sunlight. (If you used the leader tip, review the proper steps for planting something and what would happen if you missed a step.)

Well, in today's lesson we are going to take a look at a parable Jesus told. This parable talks about growing seeds and how that relates to our hearts.

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

## Song

*Another Day*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:* If we want to grow, our hearts need to be soft towards God. **(Repeat)**

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What was wrong with the first soil? (it was too hard, birds came and ate all the seeds)

- Which soil allowed the seeds to grow well? (the fourth, soft soil)
- True or False: If we want to grow, we should ignore God. (F)

Of course that's not true! Ignoring God isn't a good thing, and it most definitely won't help us to grow. God created us so he knows what we need to be strong and healthy so it would be silly to ignore him. Our Big Idea says we have to have "soft hearts" towards God. That just means we have to be willing to listen to him and want to grow closer to him. Can anyone think of some ways we can grow closer to God? (allow kids to answer). Good ideas! We can read our Bibles and obey what it says, pray, and go to church.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### Slide: Memory Verse

"Still other seeds fell on fertile soil (pretend to throw seeds), and they produced a crop that was thirty (put up three fingers), sixty (six fingers), and even a hundred times (10 fingers) as much as had been planted! (raise hands in celebration)" Matthew 13:8 (Repeat)

Remember, in this parable the soils represent different kinds of people and the condition of their hearts. This verse is describing the best soil, or heart, because it allowed things to grow. The fourth soil is the kind of soil we should try to be like! When our hearts are soft towards God, then we'll grow strong in our faith!

One last thing. We should also work to grow other believers! When we tell others about Jesus we are helping to grow his crop even bigger! We can bring people to Jesus by telling them all about how much he loves us and how he died for our sins. We can also show people Jesus by the way we act! When we live to honor him we'll do things like; tell the truth, be kind to everyone, and give our best as students. When we do these things, people will see that we are different and we can tell them why: it's because our hearts belong to Jesus!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### Song

*Me Without You*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### Slide: Big Idea

If we want to grow, our hearts need to be soft towards God. . (Repeat)

### Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.