

*Then there are people who really like God's message,
but they always worry about life.*

Also being rich is more important to them.

They also love having fun more than listening to God.

They are like the little plants which grew among the thorns.

But other people listen to God's messages and they understand it.

They love God and they love others.

They are kind to others and tell their friends about God's love.

They are like the seeds which fell on the good soil."



Oh, I'm so glad about all the stories of Jesus in the Bible.

. It makes my heart very happy!



And
how
about
you?

**You can also read this story in the Bible in
Matthew 13 v 1 - 9 & 18 - 23**

THE FARMER'S SEEDS

One day Jesus went to the beach and sat down. Soon there were many people around Him. Jesus was always very kind and loving to all people.

He also taught the people many lessons about God's Kingdom, by telling them stories. That day it became so crowded that Jesus



got into a fishing boat.

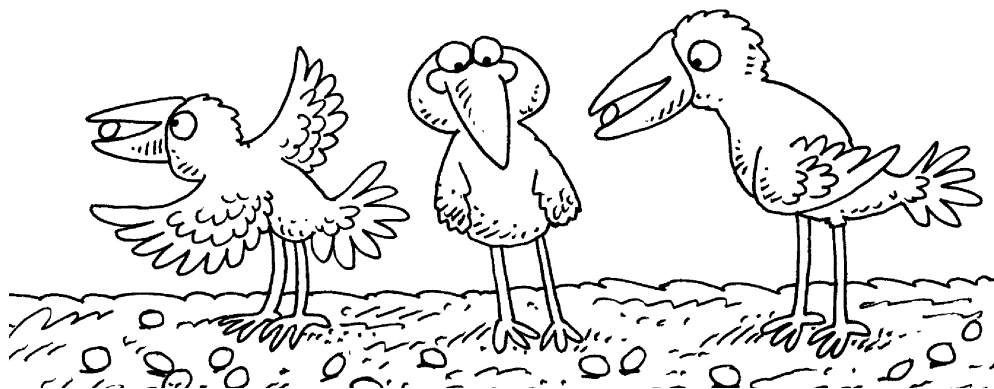
He rowed a little way out in the water and the people all stood on the beach.

Then Jesus told them this story from the boat :

"A Farmer went out to sow seeds in his land. He was carrying a big bag with the seeds in. Then he took a handful of seeds and threw it onto the ground.

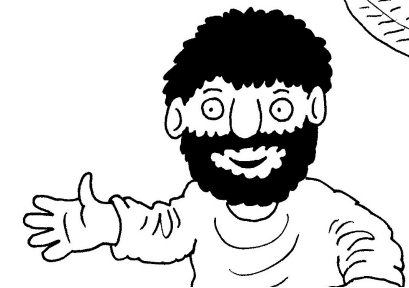


While he was doing this, some seeds fell on the road.
The birds quickly came and ate up all those seeds.



This was an interesting story with a lesson to learn.
But many people were not sure
what the lesson was all about.

So when Jesus and His friends
went back home,
He told them the meaning
of the story.



"When people hear the message of God's Kingdom, some don't
understand it. This is like the seeds which fell on the road.
Just like the birds picked up the seeds on the road, the evil one
takes the message out of their hearts.

As he walked further, sowing more seeds, some seeds fell onto
a rocky part of the land.
These seeds started
growing quickly, but
because there wasn't
much soil, the little
plants didn't have good
roots.

When it became very hot, these plants quickly dried up and died.

Other seeds fell among the thorns. The plants started growing
but the thorns were stronger and choked the little plants.
They also died.

But many seeds fell on very good soil. They grew well and the
farmer got excellent vegetables from these plants.
The farmer also got a lot of seed from these plants,
which he could use to plant more vegetables."



Some people hear the message and they are very happy about it.
But when they go through difficult times
and when others tease them about believing in God,
they get scared and stop listening to God.
They are like the seeds which fell on the rocks..