

Year 1 Bible Assignment

Short Answer Responses: (1-2 Sentences)

1. How many Gospels are there? What are they?
2. Why are they called the Gospels?
3. Why can only the Priest or Deacon read the Gospel at Mass?
4. What is a parable? (I have seen every definition given by the internet. You're smart. Write something new).

Paragraph Response: (5 Sentences)

Read: "*The Parable of the Sower.*" Matthew 13:1-9

13 1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 If you have ears, hear!"

Jesus explaining "*The Parable of the Sower.*" Matthew 13:18-23

18 "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

After reading, watch this short clip from The Chosen. (See me if you can't watch).

"Teaching With The Chosen: Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Sower, Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBvclAMh49Q>

1. After reading and understanding “*The Parable of the Sower*,” how does it make you feel? We have all been a type of bad soil before. What are some things in our life/world that can act as thorns, distracting us from God and our faith? What are some things you could do differently or better so that you can become or remain good soil?
2. Choose a different parable from one of the Gospels that stands out to you. Write just the verse, (Ex: Luke 15:11-32) then choose ONE question to respond to...
 - What is a hard experience that you or your family have been through? How does this parable help?
 - When would you use this parable as helpful advice to a family member or a friend? What might they be going through?
 - What message do you think God is trying to communicate to you through this parable?
 - How can this parable inspire you to act differently in your life?

For a list of parables and helpful explanations, please visit “The Parables of Jesus - Saint Joseph Catholic Church,” or type in this link: <https://stjosephpc.org/the-parables-of-jesus>

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