



All Saints Anglican Church

SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020

Activity ideas for families to explore the Parable of the Sower: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

The following activity ideas have been designed for individuals and families to engage with the Gospel story for the day. Choose one or two of the activities suggested below and as you reflect, carefully listen to God speaking to you.

Vegetable modeling

Use some toothpicks and vegetables or fruit to construct a farmer (or something you might find on a farm). You might want to add some googly eyes too, or other creative materials that you have at home.

During this activity, talk about how vegetables and fruit are good for you, what wonderful shapes and colours they are and how God provides good things to eat.



For the birds

There are many different ways to attract the birds to your garden, especially during winter. Here are a few ideas that you could use:

- Thread cheerios onto a pipecleaner and then bend it into a shape of your choice. Hang this on a tree or bush.
- Mix some peanut butter with birdseed and coat a pine cone with the paste, or coat the outside of a toilet roll inner with the peanut butter and bird seed paste. Hang this where you can watch the birds.

Take note of the different types of birds that come and eat from your bird feeder. Try and identify them? Are there any birds that you haven't seen before? Sasol eBirds has a free app which you might find useful.



Talk about how some birds eat seeds and they have beaks designed to do just that. In today's parable, how do you think the farmer would have felt when he saw the birds eating the seeds he had just sown?

Blooming prayers

On some paper or thin card, cut out the shape of a flower with petals. Write your prayer on the flower, and then fold in the petals. You may want to decorate the petals with khoki or crayon. Place the closed bloom gently on top on some water you have placed in a bowl. Spend a quiet moment in prayer as you watch the flower open.



Talk about the cosmos flowers that grow on the edge of the fields during autumn. What do you think the farmer does when he sees the weeds growing up near his crops?

Hard work

Prepare some soil for planting – this could be in a pot or in the garden. Plant some seeds or bulbs and tend to them over the next few weeks and months.

Talk about the harvest that you expect to get. What do you plan to do with it?



We'd love to hear from you

Please send us photos of what you have done, or insights you might have so that we can encourage each other by sharing as we grow in love and grace.

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