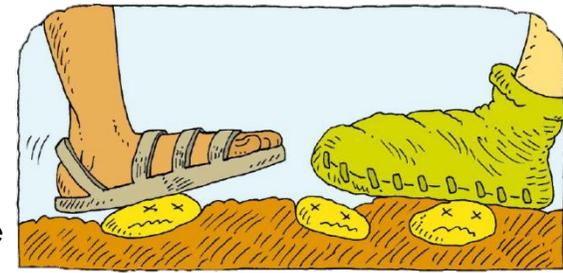




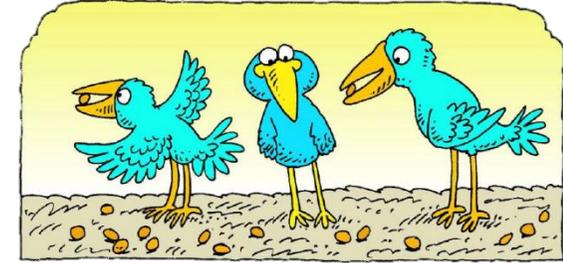
Jesus told a story about a farmer...

Up and down the field went the farmer. He threw seeds to one side and more seeds to the other side. He wanted the seeds to grow well into great big plants so he would get a good harvest.

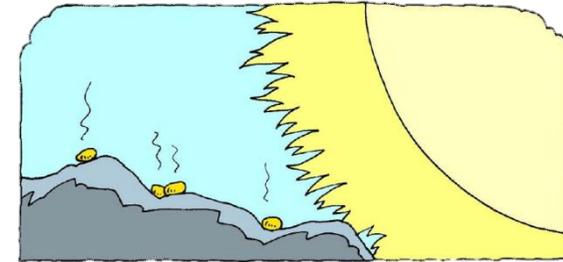


Some seeds fell on the **path**. Oh dear – they are not going to grow there! The seeds on the path got squashed when people stood on them. That seed didn't grow.

Some seed fell onto good ground but the **birds** came and gobbled them up. Oh dear! That good seed was lost too.



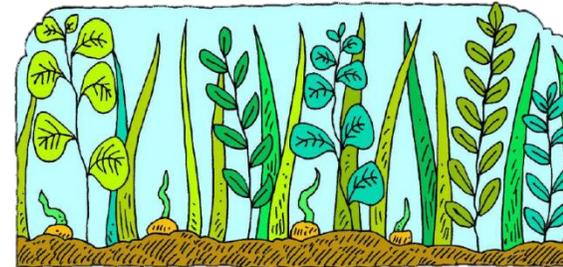
Some fell among **stones**. They began to grow, but stones got in their way. The little plants just drooped and died in the baking sun. Oh dear! Will any of the seeds grow into big plants?



Some seeds fell between **weeds**. Oh dear!

The weeds grew bigger than the new plants and they had no room to grow.

But some seed fell into **good rich earth** where there was plenty of sunlight and water. These seeds grew into good, healthy plants – just what the farmer wanted! And the plants had lots of new seeds – thirty, or sixty or a hundred times more than the farmer sowed. Ready to be sowed next time.



Jesus told this story – 'God's words are like seeds'. He said. 'They grow in our hearts'. 'Some people don't really listen at all to God. The seed doesn't grow at all, like seeds on the **path** or seeds taken by the **birds**.

Some people listen to God just for a little while. They are like little plants that drooped and died on the **stones** or choked by **weeds**.

But some people really listen and learn. They are like the plants that grow tall and strong and made more new seeds'



Jesus says to all his friends 'I wonder how much you listen to God's words?'