

Date	Day	Colour	Theme
26 July 2020	Parable of the Seeds and the Sower	Green	Learning about and sharing God's love.

Bible verse:- Matthew 13:1-23

Background:- This is another parable that Jesus told the people listening to him.

In the parable of the Seeds and the Sower – the seeds are everything that God freely wants to give us so that we can grow into the gift of being the very best person we are meant to be. Sometimes though, we, as the soil into which the seeds fall, can be different types of soil. We might ignore what God is trying to teach us; we can take notice of it then do nothing about it; we can learn the lessons and do them for a while but then give up (especially if it seems too hard) or we can take on the lessons we are being taught, flourishing and producing beautiful things - like a beautiful flower or fruit. Of course, beautiful flowers or fruit are things that are attractive to others. Just like them, the fruit we produce will attract others to the garden and they will want to know how to produce beautiful fruit too. What is the fruit that our garden will produce? Well a couple of weeks ago in St Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 5, we were reminded about what the fruit should be - that of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control and gentleness. Let us continue to pray for the gifts of God's Holy Spirit so that we can produce good things and bring others to share with us those good things of God's Kingdom.

Further Activities

- 1) Watch the Children's Church video for this week.
- 2) Go outside. Look carefully around you. Do you have paths, rocky places, garden beds? Notice whether there are plants growing in these places. Draw pictures of these areas to remind you of what place is best for plants to grow healthily.
- 3) Make a prayer space in a corner of your room (If you haven't already). You could have a little table, on the table put a cross and a candle (a battery operated one would be safest). On the plant picture write the names of people that you'd like to share God's love with.
- 4) Colouring sheet.
- 5) Put a plant in a pot and watch it grow. This carries over from last week. Are you looking after your plant properly? Is it getting enough sun and water? Does it have good soil to grow in? Are you looking after your faith properly? Ask your grown ups to help you do this. You might read the bible with each other, pray together, invite

others to watch Children's Church or ask your grown ups to take you to church. All of these activities help you make sure your faith grows healthily just like the good soil in the parable Jesus told.

- 6) I'd love to see photos if you're allowed to email them in. Ask your parents to help you. The address is:- families@graftoncathedral.org.au



