



Kids Community Group Guide *I Need to Make the Wise Choice*

Leader's Guide for groups occurring September 17th through September 23rd

Bible Lesson:

How well do you put into action what you hear at church? Have you ever heard something during service that changed your heart? Have you ever thought something would be good to try, but never put it into practice? What was it? In the time that Jesus walked the earth, many people grew their own food. He liked to teach by telling stories called Parables that related His message to something the listeners understood. The Parable of the Sower was about a farmer just like many people in Jesus' day. Read Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23 or read the parable in a Children's Story Bible. This story helped his followers understand how to grow strong in their faith in God and even go on to lead others to Him.

If possible go outside and look at the different plants in the yard to illustrate what Jesus was speaking about. Talk about what it takes for a plant to grow. Find different areas where plants would grow well and where they might have trouble thriving.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Jesus teach lessons through parables?
2. What did the farmer in this parable do first?
3. What kind of ground would we find on a path?
4. What happened to the seed that fell on the path?
5. Why wouldn't the seed grow well if it fell on rocky soil?
6. Why did the plants on rocky soil eventually die?
7. What happened to the seeds that fell among thorns?
8. Why did some seeds produce a crop that was 100, 60 or 30 more than was even planted?
9. How did Jesus explain what the parable meant?
10. What will you ask God to prepare your heart to hear His word and grow to be everything He wants you to be?

Power Verse:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind. This is the first and most important commandment. And the second is like it. 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" Matthew 22: 37-39