

Bible Stories for Young Children

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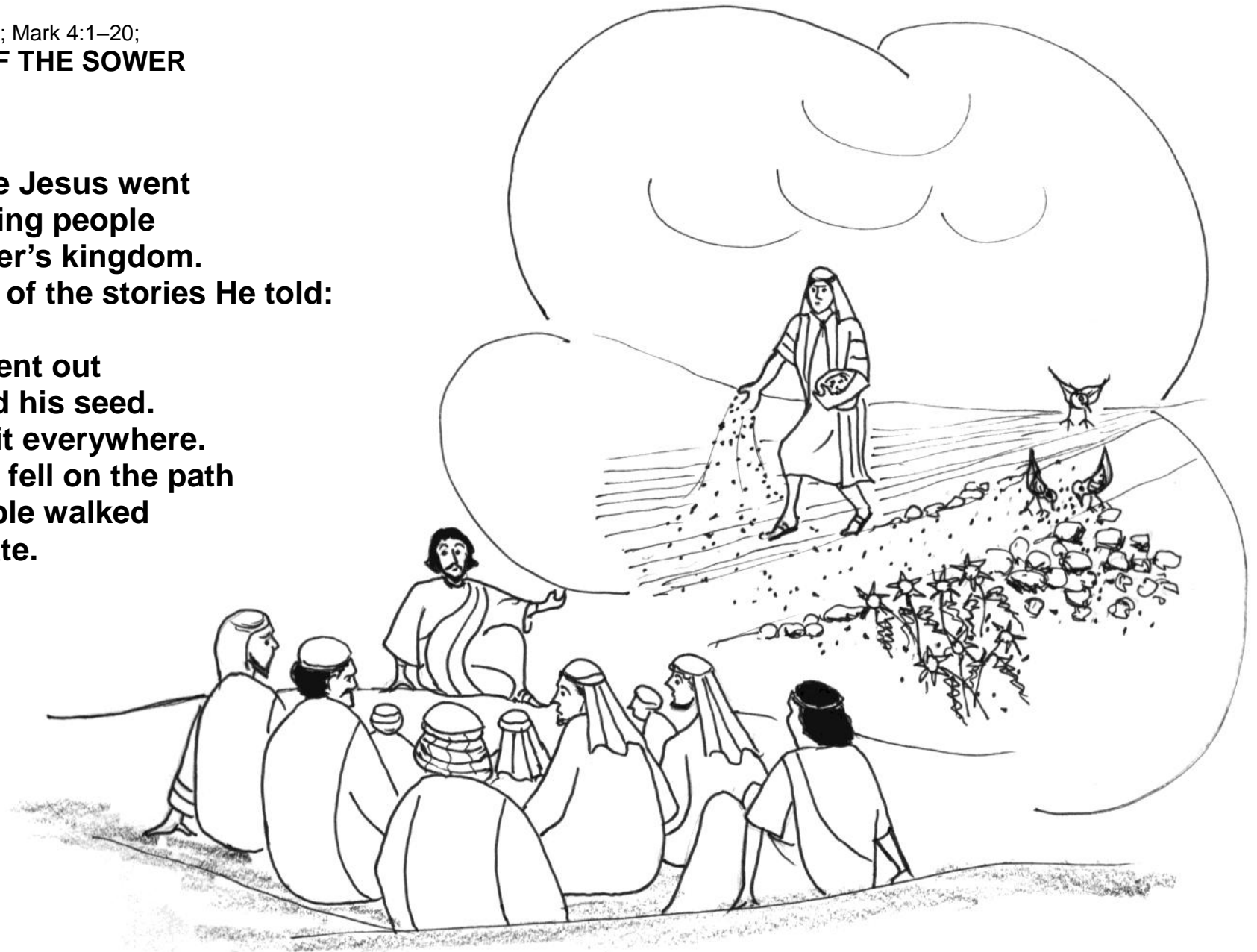
Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20;

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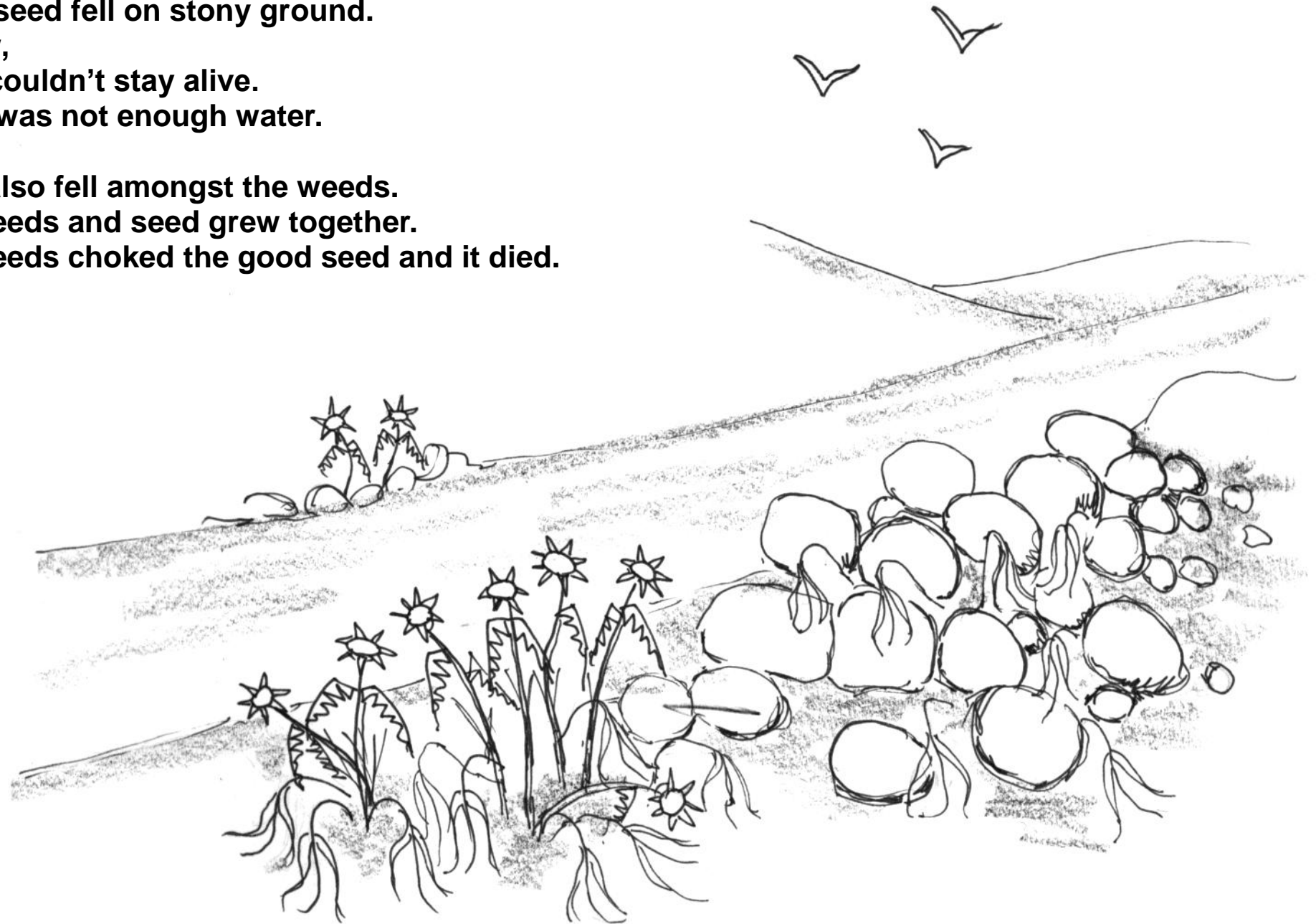
**Everywhere Jesus went
He was telling people
of His Father's kingdom.
This is one of the stories He told:**

**A farmer went out
and planted his seed.
He spread it everywhere.
Some seed fell on the path
where people walked
and birds ate.**



**Other seed fell on stony ground.
It grew,
but it couldn't stay alive.
There was not enough water.**

**Seed also fell amongst the weeds.
The weeds and seed grew together.
The weeds choked the good seed and it died.**



**Some seed fell on good ground.
It grew beautifully.
It ripened
and gave the farmer a big crop.'**



**Jesus finished the story and said,
'Listen to these things I am saying.'**

**The disciples were puzzled
and asked,
'What does this story mean
and why do you speak like this?'**

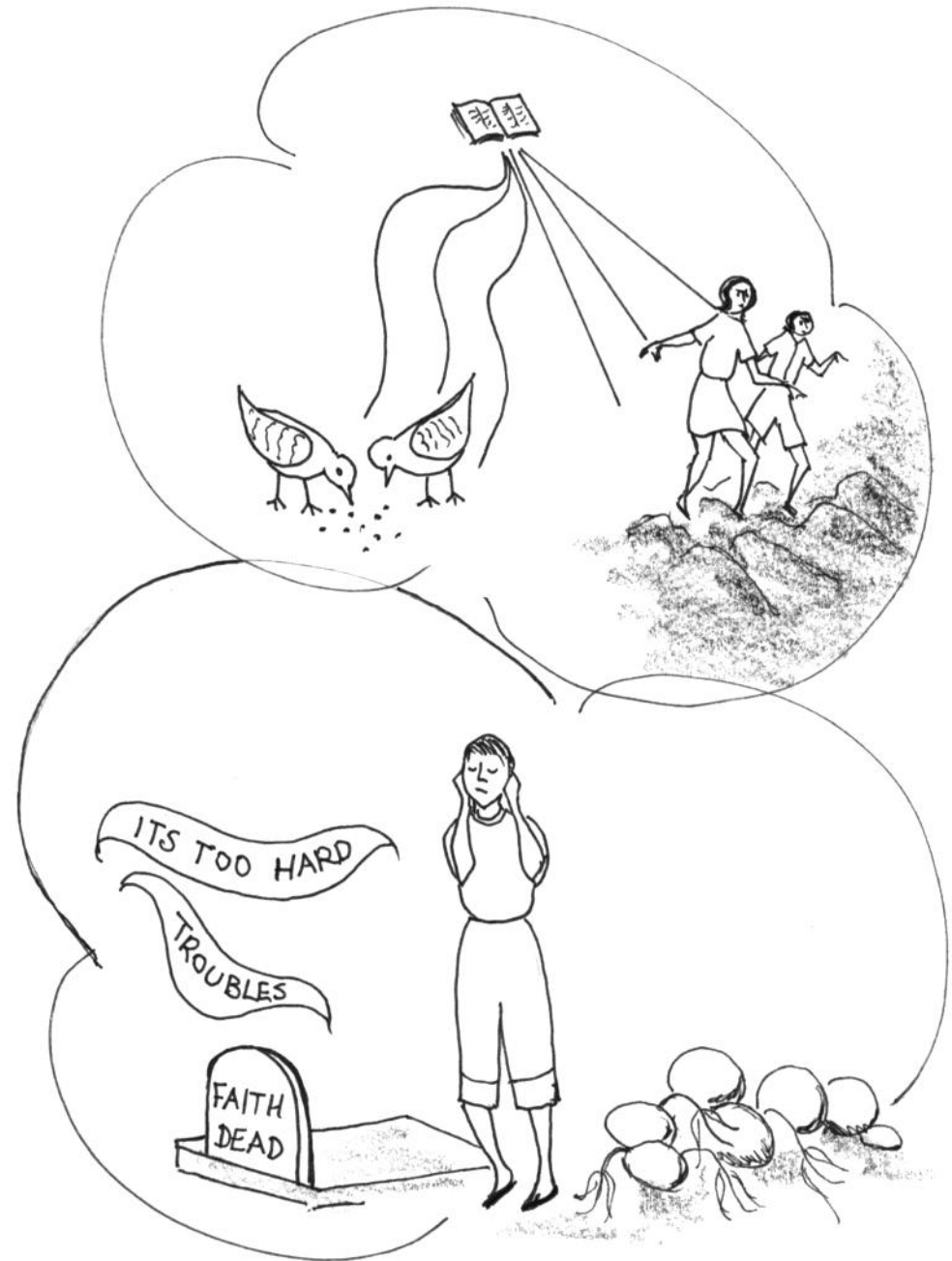
**Jesus said,
'I speak in stories
so that some people
will understand
and others will not.
God has enabled you
to know the secrets
of His kingdom.
I will tell you
what the story means.'**



‘The seed is God’s word.

**‘The seed that fell on the road
is like people who hear God’s word,
but the devil takes it away.
They won’t believe it and be saved.**

**‘The seed that fell on the stony ground
is like people who, at first,
want to hear God’s word.
But, there is no soil for the
roots to grow in.
When the sun is hot
or life gets tough
they stop listening to God’s word.
and their faith dies.**



**'The seed that fell among the weeds
is like people who hear God's word,
but love other things more.
Other things become
more important to them than God.
Their faith does not last.'**



Then Jesus spoke about the seed which fell on good ground, saying, 'This seed is like people who hear God's word and obey it. They keep on obeying God's word and God grows good fruit in them.'

God's word is for everyone. He wants us to believe His word, and live in His kingdom.

