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Family Faith Talk

How's Your Soil?

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

(Please see Scripture lessons on reverse side)

Soil and Seeds		Notes
How's Your Soil?		
Hard	Matthew 13:4; 19	
Rocky	Matthew 13:5-6; 20-21	
Weedy	Matthew 13:7; 22	
Fruitful	Matthew 13:8; 23	
Tending Your Soil		
Be In The Word	Psalm 119:105	
Conform To The Word	James 1:22-25 Colossians 3:16-17 John 17:17	
Share The Word	Acts 1:8	
Get Rooted	Matthew 13:9	

Mission: God has given us his life saving word. It is the greatest gift possible. Today take the steps necessary to assure that your life conforms to His Word so that you are fruitful for him, his Kingdom, and your own wellbeing.

Choose one or more questions below to share as a family. Keep in mind that children of different ages will answer the questions using their best understanding according to their ages and understanding. While some of the answers your children give may be in error and will need gentle redirection the goal is to help them explore what it means to believe in, trust, and follow Jesus.

1. Read through the lessons and note the theme(s) in each. How do the lessons tie together? If you are sharing as a family or small group read the lessons aloud.
2. How's your soil? How are you tending your soil so that it will be fruitful for life?
3. Does your life conform to God's word or the world's words?
4. What one thing will you do to be fruitful in God's kingdom?

Pentecost 6 - Lectionary A

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and

the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”