



“This story is like a riddle,” they thought.

Later, Jesus’ disciples asked him what the story meant, and so he said, *“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the Word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the Word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns*

stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they don’t mature.”

“Mmm,” Murred people. They had seen overgrown fields. Weeds don’t let the seeds grow.

The disciples listened carefully until Jesus finished his explanation.

“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the Word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.”

What Do They Mean?

You have learned that a parable is a story that explains a difficult idea by comparing it to something common. Draw a line that links the symbols with their meanings.

1. Good Soil
2. Path
3. Seeds
4. Rocks
5. Thorns

- A. People who hear the word, but the devil takes it away.
- B. People who hear the word, but don’t have any roots.
- C. The Word of God
- D. People who hear, but are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures.
- E. People who hear, remember it and preserve it.