

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

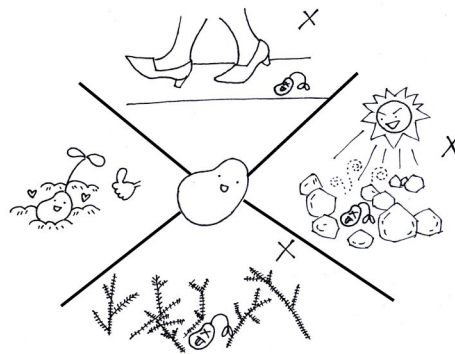
Instructions: Write the meaning of each in the blank column on the right.

What does the seed represent?

The _____ of God.

What do the different environments represent?

Different types of _____.



| Environment | Who It Represents |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Wayside | |
| Rocks | |
| Thorns | |
| Good Ground | |

We need to be deeply rooted because...

...Roots act as a _____ to gather food and water, and as an _____ to keep the plant firmly in place.

Turn to Jeremiah 17:8 and fill in the blanks below.

*"For he shall be like a tree _____ by the waters,
 Which spreads out its _____ by the _____,
 And will not _____ when heat comes;
 But its leaf will be green,
 And will not be _____ in the year of drought,
 Nor will cease from yielding _____."*

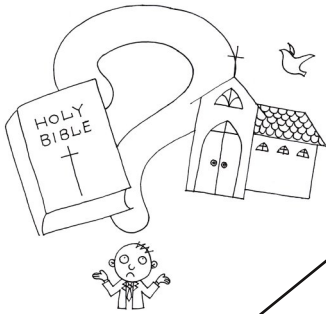
WHICH ENVIRONMENT?

Read Galatians 5:22-23 and list the fruit of the Spirit below.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is _____

 _____."

Read the following scenarios and identify the environment for each one.



Jason is a truthseeker who has been visiting church for a month and listening to the word of God.

Jason's friends from work had been playing golf and tennis on Sabbath mornings. They always asked Jason to come along, so he finally decided to go one Saturday. It was very fun, and soon enough, he began going with them more and more, while attending church services less and less. Having fun with his friends seemed more important than studying the truth. Eventually, he stopped coming to church altogether.

Jason loves coming to church and learning about the Bible. He enjoys having fellowship with brothers and sisters, too. After several months, he decided to get baptized and was very eager to start helping with holy work.

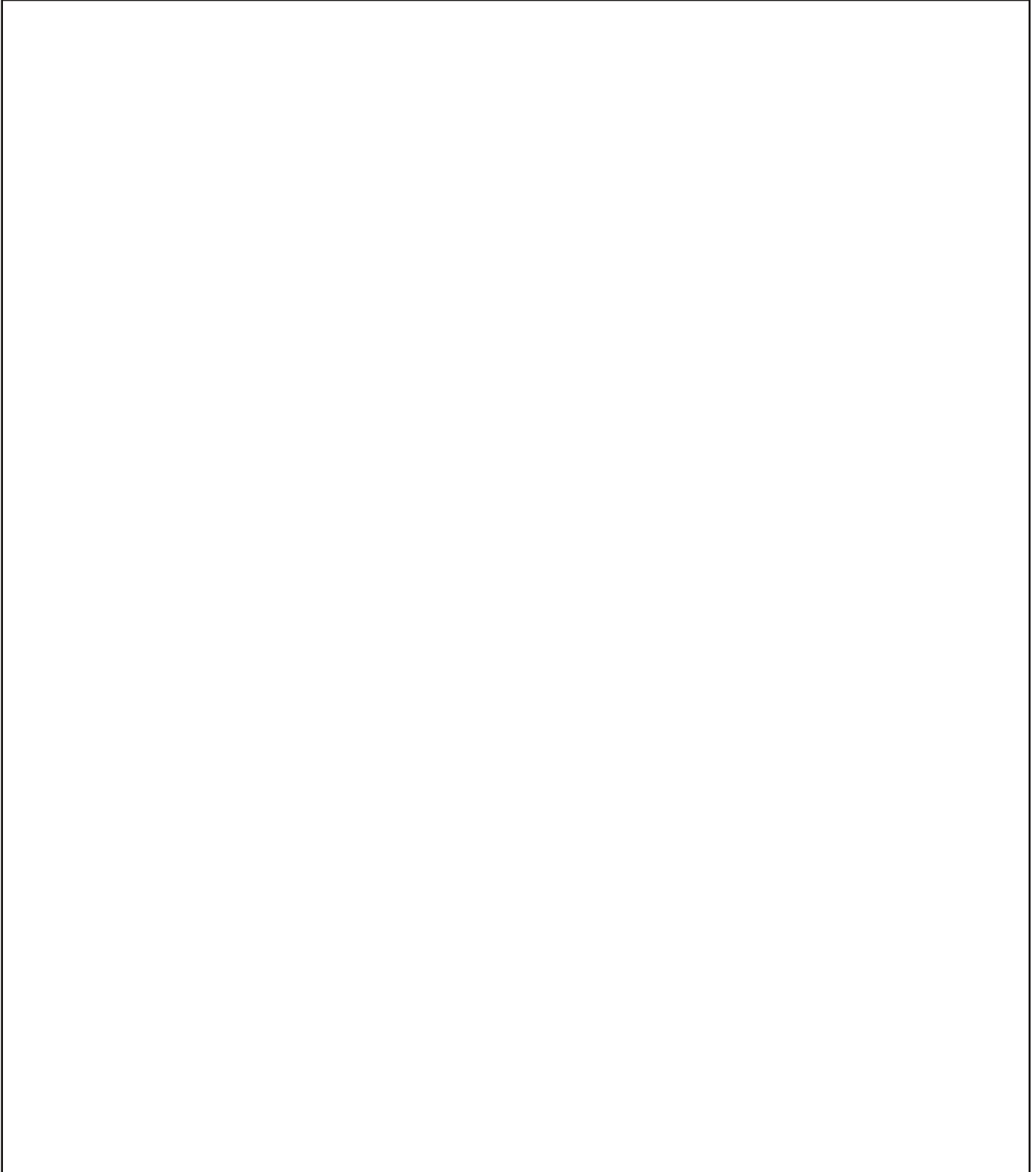
The rest of Jason's family is Buddhist. Although he came to church on one occasion to listen to the truth, he was doubtful about it. The rest of his family pressured him into trying Buddhism instead. In the end, he didn't return, but rather went on to study other religions.

Jason had been coming to church regularly for a year. He believed in the truth and was eventually baptized, but during this time he started a business. It began to get very stressful and hectic, so he decided to attend only afternoon services, in order to continue working in the mornings. Then, he decided to stay home all day and listen to online sermons, but eventually, he stopped doing even that.

JUST DO IT!

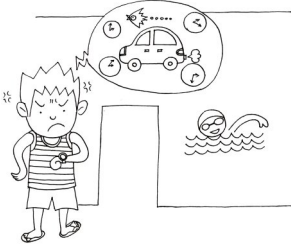
Objective: To remind ourselves that simply listening isn't enough—we must also take action upon God's word.

Instructions: Read Matthew 7:24-27 and draw a picture illustrating the story below.



BE A DOER

Instructions: Read the following scenarios and fill in the last column by answering the question, "How would you be a doer?"

| Word of God | Scenario | How would you be a "doer"? |
|---|---|--|
| <p>Matthew 5:44 (Love your enemies)</p> | <p>Every single day in the hallway at school, one of your classmates throws a piece of crumpled paper at you. He just doesn't like you. You don't even know why.</p> | |
| <p>Matthew 22:39 (Love your neighbor as yourself)</p> | <p>You and two other church brothers are sharing a cabin room during a church retreat. But there are only two beds in the room—one single bed (for one person) and one double bed (for two). You arrive first and have the first pick.</p> | |
| <p>Ephesians 4:32 (Forgive one another, as God has forgiven you)</p> | <p>You let your friend borrow your favorite DVD. When he returns it, though, the DVD cover has been broken. He accidentally dropped some heavy books on top of it.</p> | |
| <p>1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (Love is not jealous)</p> | <p>One of your friends from school seems to get everything he wants—clothes, shoes, toys, games, electronics, pets, etc. You've become jealous of his life. It bothers you sometimes.</p> | |
| <p>Ecclesiastes 7:9 (Don't be quick to anger)</p> | <p>Your mom was thirty minutes late picking you up from your swimming lesson because she needed to drop your sister off at a party. You feel very angry because she made you wait for so long at the pool entrance, and you want to yell at her when she finally arrives.</p> |  |
| <p>Luke 12:15 (Do not be greedy)</p> | <p>During class at church, your teacher brings snacks for everyone. A bag of chocolate is passed around and everyone can only have one piece. You really love this kind of chocolate, though, and there is enough for you to take more than one.</p> | |

E2 Year 2 Book 1 Lesson 9—The Parable of the Sower

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Read | | | | | | | |
| Pray | | | | | | | |

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(James 1:22)**

Matching

Match the environment to the correct type of person.

A. Wayside

B. Rocks

C. Thorns

D. Good Ground

1. _____ Those who hear the message, but are unable to be saved because the devil takes the word away from them.
2. _____ Those who are noble and good-hearted, who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently bear fruit for Him.
3. _____ Those who hear the message and receive it with joy, but then fall away when faced with temptations or tribulations.
4. _____ Those who hear the message, but then are distracted by the worries, desires, and pleasures of the world around them.

Short Answer

5. Which environment does God want you to be like? Why?

6. List the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23.