

Twins

Key Words: **Scorched**

Key Verse: "Other seeds fell on good soil, and brought fertile grain ..." *Matthew 13:8a*

Mindy and Mark were twins. They looked alike and their voices were alike, but they were very different from each other in many ways.

Mindy likes to throw her clothes on the floor and leave her bed unmade. Mark put his clothes, neatly folded, into his dresser or hung them in his closet. His bed was always neatly made up.

Mark enjoyed helping his baby sister and his parents with anything they asked him to do. Mindy always wanted her parents to help her and didn't like her brother to have so much attention.

One summer, the twins wanted to have their own little garden spaces, so their parents marked off a section for each of them. They had seeds for beans, lettuce, carrots, and pumpkins.

Mindy just threw her seeds around, patted them a little, and sprinkled them with a little water. Mark carefully measured his rows, pushed the seeds into the worked ground, and watered the rows each morning.

In two weeks, Mark's garden had tiny plants showing through. Mindy's garden had dried, cracked seeds still on top of

the soil. This made her upset. She asked Mark why her garden was not growing.

Mark answered, "Everything we do takes some time and effort from us to make it right. It took more time for me to get my soil ready and to carefully plant my seeds and water them. You rushed through and gave no time or effort to your garden, and now you have no plants. It is like the story at Sunday school where we learned about the seeds falling on good soil. Jesus wants us to give part of ourselves to help others and to teach them, and he will reward us for that."

Mindy listened carefully, then she asked Mark to help her replant her side of the garden and he did. She began to be more helpful and she was much happier every day.

Questions

Are you more like Mark or like Mindy?

Jesus said it is important for us to sow our seeds well. What did he mean?

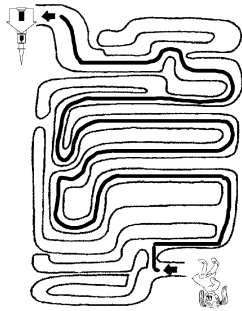
Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



What was sown on good soil,
this is the one who hears the
word and understands it.

Cryptogram



Maze

ANSWERS

- Picture Differences
1. Mouth
 2. Sandals
 3. Belt
 4. Sleeve
 5. Bushes
 6. Large rock
 7. Headress
 8. Birds in sky
 9. Tree leaves
 10. Eyes

