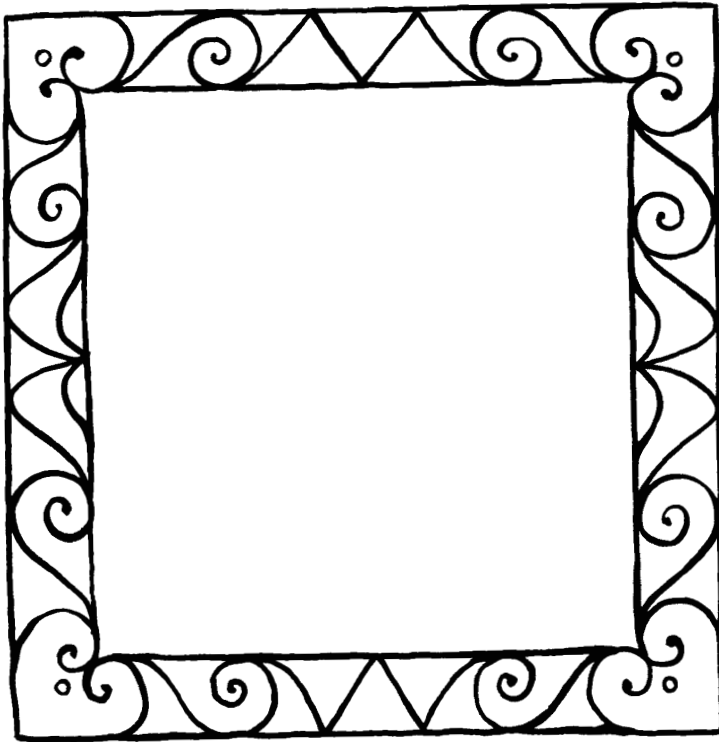


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What's your story?

Turn on your imagination. Look around you. What familiar thing do you see that you could use to make a story?

Draw or write your story here.



Show your personal parable to someone and talk about it.



Dear God, help me grow like good seeds. Amen.

This week

Collect ideas to tell stories about God's love.

Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 16



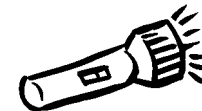
gather

Welcome to worship. A parable is a story. Jesus told parables about simple things people saw every day such as a coin, sheep, families, and food.

THEN



NOW



Draw a line from **THEN** to the things people saw in Jesus' time and from **NOW** to things people see today.

The seeds and the weeds

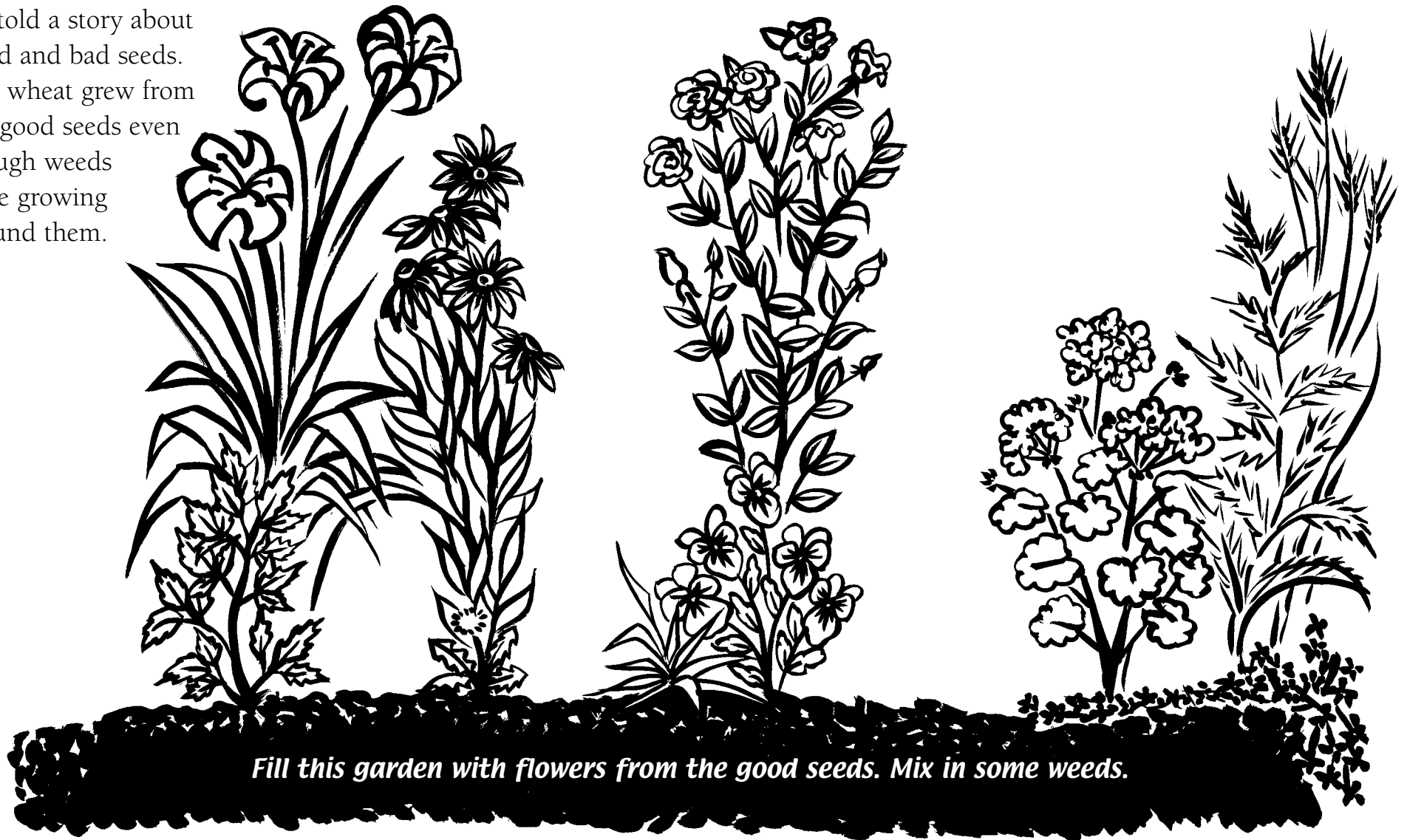
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus knew there were good
and bad things in the world.

He told a story about
good and bad seeds.

The wheat grew from
the good seeds even

though weeds
were growing
around them.



Fill this garden with flowers from the good seeds. Mix in some weeds.

Sing Along

Singing is an important part of worship. When it is time to sing in worship today, follow along with your family.

Write down some words you sang inside these music notes.



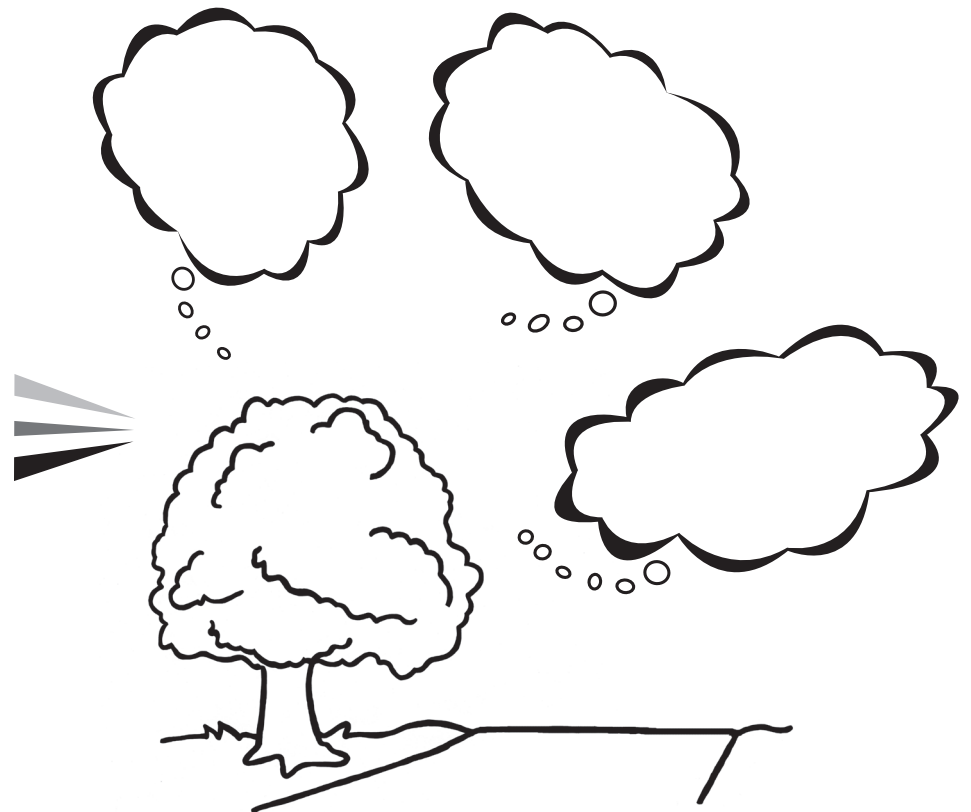
READER

Pentecost 8

- Today is the **eighth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The symbol for Pentecost on this page is a **tree by a road**.
- The tree helps us think about **growing** in faith.
- The road shows us that life with God is a **journey**.

Hit the Road

In life, we travel toward our goals. What are your goals? Draw yourself on the road and write or draw about your goals in the spaces above the road. Remember that God is always with you on this journey.



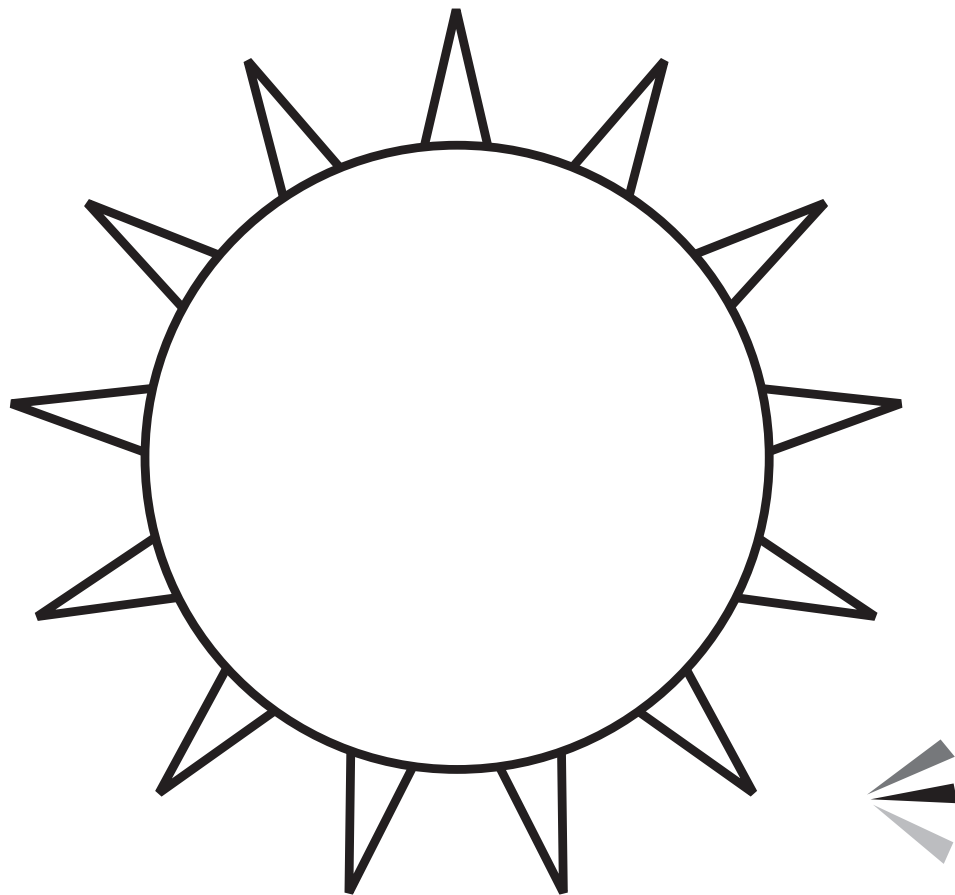


Not sure what a word in the Bible means? Use the glossary in the back of your Spark Bible to help you define tough words.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Matthew 13:43



Copy the memory verse inside this sun to help you remember it!



Jesus spoke a language called Aramaic. The word for Father in Aramaic is Abba. This is what Jesus called God!

First Fruits

In Romans, Paul tells us that we only have the "first fruits" of the good things God will do. This means that God has a lot more to give to the world.

All fruits begin as a small seed. Draw a line matching the fruit to its seed.



What's the Difference?

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about deciding between good and bad. He uses plants as symbols for his story.

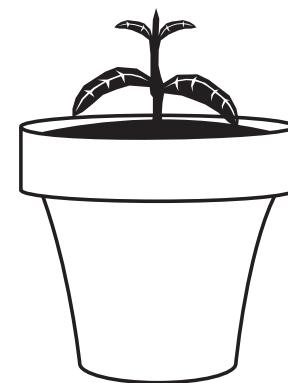
Solve the math problems to find out which plants Jesus calls good and which plants he calls bad.

GOOD:

3 + 3 6 - 5 5 x 2 2 + 3 8 - 4

BAD:

10 - 4 9 + 1 12 - 2 4 ÷ 2



KEY:	A = 5	E = 10	T = 4
	D = 2	H = 1	W = 6

Listen to the songs during worship. What do these songs remind you of?

Draw a picture of it here!



PRE-READER

Pentecost 8

- Today is the **8th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The **symbol** for this season is a tree by a **road**.
- The road **reminds** us that life with God is a **journey**.

Draw yourself on the road!





In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about weeds.
Weeds are tricky plants that grow where you don't want them to grow.



Draw some tricky weeds in this garden.

Where did these weeds come from?

