

# **Kindergarten**

## **My Bible Lessons**

teaching helps samples  
for B-45  
“Stories About Seeds”

**Teaching helps packet includes these items:**

- Book 1—Teacher’s Guide
- Book 2—Children’s Lessons; Pen of Inspiration
- Book 3—Reproducible Masters
- Nature Corner booklet
- Supplied pictures

# Contents:

## Book 1:

- Complete outline of the Sabbath school class, with detailed instructions and suggestions for each part.
- Detailed list of materials needed and where to purchase each.
- Weekly lesson teaching outline (see pages 4, 5) that includes...
  - introduction and conclusion
  - heart appeal
  - opening and closing prayers
  - lesson emphasis
  - key points
  - suggested verses to read in class
  - object lessons and illustrations
  - the memory verse
- Principles of teaching kindergarten with guidelines for...
  - being a godly teacher
  - choosing music
  - choosing visual aids
  - conducting teacher’s meetings
  - arranging the classroom
  - seasonal decorations
  - maintaining proper behavior
  - understanding primary children
  - maintaining reverence
- Felt scenes for each week’s lesson

## Book 2:

- Complete text of the children’s Bible lesson
- Spirit of Prophecy quotations for each lesson (See page 8).

## Book 3:

- Reproducible charts
  - the quarter’s memory verses
  - class attendance chart
  - quarter overview/schedule
- Reproducible activity sheets with a variety of different activities. (See pages 2, 3.)

### Materials Checklist

**Materials to purchase before the quarter begins:**

**Available from My Bible First:**

- Bible lessons—My Bible Lessons for kindergarten
- Memory verse booklets or individual cards
- My Bible Pictures (spiralbound or unbound)
- Posters (“And God Said...”; “Books of the Bible”; “The Ten Commandments”)
- Ten Commandments Picture
- Memory Verse Picture Review
- Creation Posters

**Available from other sources:**

- “Two Ways” felt visual device
- Creation circles (ABC, L)
- Three-year Bible story felt

**Optional resources:**

- Memory Verse Devices
- Memory Verse Songs (W)
- Crafts (WDC)
- Visualized Songs:
  - “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
  - “Can You Count the Stars?”
  - “Don’t Forget the Sabbath”
  - “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
  - “Jesus Loves Even Me”
  - “Mary, Holy Mary”

**Cut apart the pictures on the dotted lines. Put the pictures in order, and tell the story of Noah.**

**Trace the numbers. Draw a line from the pictures to the numbers to show what God made on each day.**

The first day	1	 land, plants, food
The second day	2	 night day, light
The third day	3	 air clouds wind
The fourth day	4	 birds fish
The fifth day	5	 sun, moon, stars

Kindergarten Activity Sheet for My Bible Lessons A-3

## Nature Corner:

- Nature Corner in full color. One nature object lesson coordinated with each week’s lesson. (See pages 6, 7 for black and white sample.)
- Stories indexed by nature object and lesson.

## Pictures to illustrate lessons:

- Full-color photographs and visuals (called supplied pictures in the “teaching aids” box) to illustrate object lessons and stories in the lesson teaching outline

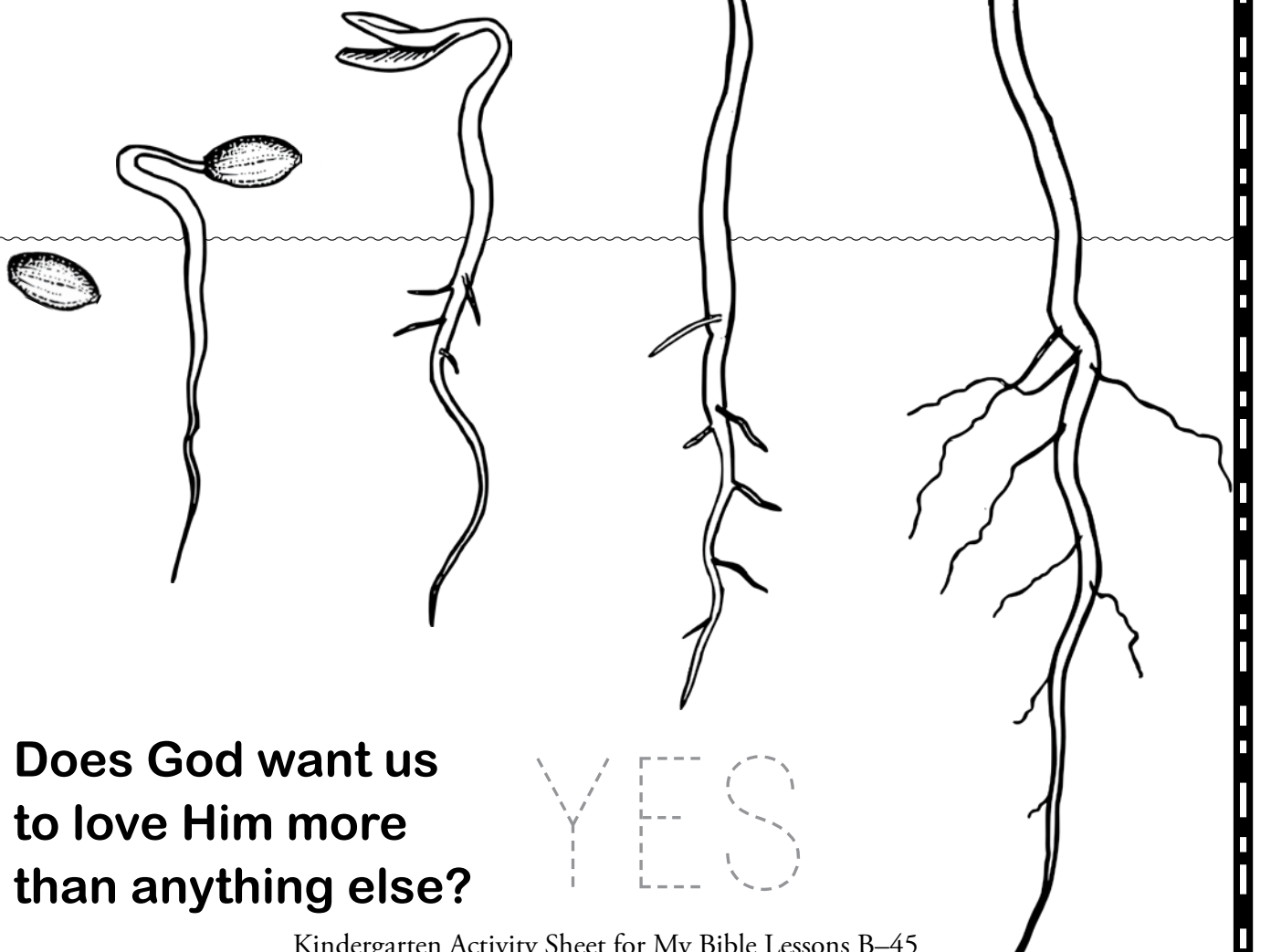
Color the pictures and answer the questions.

Does God want us to listen carefully to His words in the Bible?

YES

Does God want us to read the Bible and pray every day?

YES



Does God want us to love Him more than anything else?

YES

# Stories About Seeds

B-45

## Lesson Emphasis

All of God's words are good and true. We must ask Him to give us a heart that is eager to listen and willing to obey.

## Memory Verse—Galatians 6:7

“Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

## Introduction






**Story (seeds, hoe):** Fred and Tom were getting ready to plant some flower seeds. But it was hard work to get the dirt ready for the tiny seeds. First a man in a tractor came and plowed the ground. After he finished, the boys picked out all the rocks and weeds. Then they used their hoes to beat the dirt into loose soil. But even though it was hot and sweat was streaming down their faces, they smiled when they were finally ready to plant the seeds. And because Fred and Tom worked so hard to get the dirt ready, they had many beautiful flowers in their garden that summer. Our Bible story today is about a garden and some seeds. But before we talk about it, let's pray.

## Prayer

Dear God, as we learn about Your wonderful words and how they can grow in the garden of our hearts, please come and help us to listen carefully. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Teaching the Lesson


### 1 Jesus told a parable about a sower and four kinds of ground.

- a. Jesus was by the seaside, and many people gathered around Him to listen to His wonderful words.
- b. So many people came to listen to Jesus that soon the little beach got too crowded. What did Jesus do? The Bible says,  **Matthew 13:2, 3**—“He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. Then He spoke many things to them in parables.”  
**Visual (boat):** Now everyone could see and hear Jesus as He sat in the little boat and talked to them.
- c. Do you know what a parable is? A parable is a story that teaches an important lesson. Jesus liked to tell parables because these stories helped people remember the important things He was teaching them.
- d. Do you like stories? Yes. And so did the people who stood on the shore that day. They listened carefully as Jesus told them stories.
- e. Jesus started His first story by saying,  **Matthew 13:3**—“Behold, a sower went out to sow.”  
**Visual (seeds):** A sower is a man who plants seeds. **Show Picture #B.45.1** The farmer in the story took handfuls of seeds out of his bag and scattered them on the ground.
- f. That's what the farmer in Jesus' story was doing. Then Jesus told about the different places where the seeds fell, and what happened to the seeds that fell in each place. There were four kinds of places.
- g. **Place Number 1:** Some seeds fell on the hard pathway. What happened to those seeds? Jesus said,  **Matthew 13:4**—“As he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.” Now could those seeds grow? Of course not! The birds ate them.
- h. **Place Number 2:** Some seeds fell where there were lots of stones.  
**Visual (stones):** Can seeds grow very well where there are lots of rocks? No. The seeds sprouted, but what happened to the small plants? Jesus said,  **Matthew 13:6**—“When the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.”
- i. **Place Number 3:** Other seeds fell in a place where there were lots of weeds. **Show Picture #B.45.4**  
**Visual (weeds):** Can good plants grow where there are lots of weeds? No, they can't. What did Jesus say happened to those tiny plants?  **Matthew 13:7**—“The thorns sprang up and choked them.” So they did not grow into big, tall, healthy plants.
- j. **Place Number 4:** The last kind of ground where the seeds fell was good, loose, rich dirt.

## Teaching Aids

\*See page 8.

- Bible
- My Bible Pictures\*
- Seeds, toy hoe
- Toy sail boat
- Stones
- Weeds
- Potting soil
- Ear of corn or head of wheat
- Felt: Jesus
- Supplied Pictures:\*
- SP-BQ4 #6:** Children

**Visual (potting soil):** Can seeds grow in soil like this?” Oh, yes! What did Jesus say happened to these seeds?  **Matthew 13:8**—“Others fell on good ground and yielded a crop.” Each of these seeds grew into a plant that made 100, 60, or 30 more seeds. **Show Picture #B.45.3**

**Visual (ear of corn or a head of wheat):** If we plant one corn seed, it will grow into a plant and make more ears of corn. How many new corn seeds grow from just one seed that we plant? Lots and lots! [200–400 kernels per ear.] The seeds planted in good soil made a lot of good food for the farmer.

- k. So there were four kinds of ground: the hard pathway, the place with stones, the place with weeds, and the good ground. **Show Picture #B.45.2**

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## **The parable helps us learn how we should listen to God’s words.**

- a. Jesus’ disciples liked the story, but they didn’t know what important lesson Jesus was trying to teach them. So they asked Jesus to explain it, and Jesus was happy to tell them.
- b. Jesus is the farmer. **Visual (Show Picture #B.45.1, felt: Jesus)**
- c. The seeds are God’s words. **Visual (seeds, Bible)**
- d. Jesus left heaven and came to our world to put God’s words into our mind. How did He do that? By talking to people and by showing what God is like. Today Jesus puts His words in our minds when we listen to someone reading the Bible in family worship, in church, or in Sabbath school.
- e. What do the different kinds of ground show us? They tell us about four different kinds of people that listen to God’s Word. **Show Picture #B.45.2 and SP–BQ4 #6 (use to illustrate each point below)**
- f. **Person Number 1:** The hard path tells us about people who love sin. They like to be naughty. They do not like to listen to God’s Word, and they quickly forget what they hear. They are stubborn and keep choosing to listen to Satan and to disobey God. Can God’s Word help people like that? No. When we listen to Satan, he comes and takes God’s words away from us. God’s words can only help people who are willing to listen to Him and cheerfully obey.
- g. **Person Number 2:** The stony ground tells us about selfish people. Selfish people might think that they love Jesus, but they really love themselves more. They may act like Christians sometimes, but people like that will give up and complain when trouble comes. Will God’s words help them? No, because they don’t let God’s words change their hearts and make them kind, loving, and unselfish.
- h. **Person Number 3:** The ground with weeds tells us about people who don’t spend enough time with Jesus. It’s good to work and play, but should these things take all our time and energy? No. We need to take time to read the Bible and pray. Or maybe these people worry about their troubles instead of trusting Jesus. Can God’s words help these people? No, because they don’t take time to read it.
- i. **Person Number 4:** The good ground tells us about people who have let Jesus change their hearts. They are sorry for their sins and have asked Jesus to make them unselfish. They love Jesus more than they love anything else. They listen carefully to the Bible stories and do their best to obey everything God says. Will God’s words help these people? Yes. And this is the kind of heart that Jesus wants to give us.
- j. Who can help us be unselfish, kind, and loving? Jesus can. Who can help us listen carefully to the Bible stories? Jesus can. Who can help us obey cheerfully and quickly? Jesus, of course.

## **Memory Verse Review**

Repeat the memory verse together.

## **Conclusion**

Jesus is like a farmer, planting the seeds of God’s words in our minds. Things like sin and selfishness in our hearts don’t leave room for God’s words. But people who are sorry for their sins and who want to do right are glad to hear God’s words and to let Jesus help them obey.

## **Appeal to the Heart**

I don’t want the rocks and weeds of sin in the garden of my heart, do you? Shall we ask Jesus right now to take our sins away and give us good hearts?

## **Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for Jesus and the story about the seeds and different kinds of ground. Please forgive our sins and take them all away. Please come into our hearts right now and make us like You. In Jesus’ name, amen.



## KUDZU

Don't let anything crowd God's Word out of your mind.

### *The Bible Says...*

“Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”

Matthew 13:22

**K**udzu is a vine that is quite common in the southeastern United States. It has lots of leaves, and its purple flowers smell very nice. It can be used to make the soil better and keep it from washing away. Cattle like to eat kudzu; and it's a healthful food for them, too. Even people eat different parts of the kudzu vine, especially starch from its roots.

But not everything about kudzu is good. It can grow very fast—up to one foot in a day and sixty feet in one year. That means it can quickly grow into areas where it isn't wanted. Today it covers more than seven million acres in the southern United States, and it's still spreading. Kudzu grows very thickly, too. When it covers trees and bushes, they can't get enough light and soon die. The weight of so many kudzu vines can even cause tree branches to break.

Kudzu was first brought to the United States more than a hundred years ago, and many people planted it because of its good qualities. But then

they started noticing how hard it was to keep it in one area, and how hard it was to get rid of it if they didn't want it anymore. Now many people wish that it had never been brought to the United States.

The kudzu vine is a lot like the thorns in Jesus' parable of the sower. When the good seed was planted among the thorns, it sprouted and began growing. But the thorns were growing, too; and, just like the kudzu, they crowded and covered and smothered the good plants. In the end, there was no harvest from those seeds.

Jesus said that the thorns represent things that distract us from choosing to obey God all the time. Those things might seem good, just like there are some good things about kudzu. But we must always remember that anything that keeps us from obeying God is very dangerous.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; ... and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Ps. 139:23, 24.



I dreamed that several of our brethren were in counsel considering plans of labor for this season. They thought it best not to enter the large cities, but to begin work in small places, remote from the cities; here they would meet less opposition from the clergy and would avoid great expense. They reasoned that our ministers, being few in number, could not be spared to instruct and care for those who might accept the truth in the cities, and who, because of the greater opposition they would there meet, would need more help than would the churches in small country places. Thus the fruit of giving a course of lectures in the city would, in a great measure, be lost. Again, it was urged that, because of our limited means, and because of the many changes from moving that might be expected from a church in a large city, it would be difficult to build up a church that would be a strength to the cause. My husband was urging the brethren to make broader plans without delay and put forth, in our large cities, extended and thorough effort that would better correspond to the character of our message. One worker related incidents of his experience in the cities, showing that the work was nearly a failure, but he testified to better success in the small places.

One of dignity and authority—One who is present in all our council meetings—was listening with deepest interest to every word. He spoke with deliberation and perfect assurance. “The whole world,” He said, “is God’s great vineyard. The cities and villages constitute a part of that vineyard. These must be worked. Satan will try to interpose himself and discourage the workers, so as to prevent them from giving the message of light and warning in the more prominent as well as in the more secluded places. Desperate efforts will be made to turn the people from truth to falsehood. Angels of heaven are commissioned to co-operate with the efforts of God’s appointed messengers on earth. Ministers must encourage and maintain an unwavering faith and hope, as did Christ, their living Head. They must keep humble and contrite in heart before God.”

God designs that His precious word, with its messages of warning and encouragement, shall come to those who are in darkness and are ignorant of our faith. It is to be given to all, and will be to them a witness, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. Do not feel that the responsibility rests upon you to convict and convert the hearers. The power of God alone can soften the hearts of the people. You are to hold forth the word of life, that all may have an opportunity of receiving the truth if they will. If they turn from the truth of heavenly origin, it will be their condemnation.

We must not hide the truth in the corners of the earth. It must be made known; it must shine in our large cities. Christ in His labors took His position by the lakeside and in the great thoroughfares of travel where He could meet people from all parts of the world. He was giving the true light; He was sowing the gospel seed; He was rescuing truth from its companionship with error, and presenting it in its original simplicity and clearness, so that men could comprehend it.

The heavenly Messenger who was with us said: “Never lose sight of the fact that the message you are bearing is a world-wide message. It is to be given to all cities, to all villages; it is to be proclaimed in the highways and the byways. You are not to localize the proclamation of the message.” In the parable of the sower, Christ gave an illustration of His own work and that of His servants. The seed fell upon all kinds of soil. Some seed fell upon poor soil, yet the sower did not therefore cease his work. You are to sow the seeds of truth in every place. Wherever you can gain access, hold forth the word of God. Sow beside all waters. You may not at once see the result of your labors, but be not discouraged. Speak the words that Christ gives you. Work in His lines. Go forth everywhere as He did during His ministry on the earth.

The world’s Redeemer had many hearers, but few followers. Noah preached one hundred and twenty years to the people before the Flood, and yet there were few who appreciated this precious, probationary time. Save Noah and his family, not one was numbered with the believers and entered into the ark. Of all the inhabitants of the earth, only eight souls received the message; but that message condemned the world. The light was given in order that they might believe; their rejection of the light proved their ruin. Our message to the world will be a savor of life unto life to all who accept it, and of condemnation to all who reject it.

The Messenger turned to one present and said: “Your ideas of the work for this time are altogether too limited. Your light must not be confined to a small compass, put under a bushel, or under a bed; it must be placed on a candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in God’s house—the world. You must take broader views of the work than you have taken.”