

## The sower

(Matthew 13:3-9)

### Key words

Farmer – Oo-ahh

Seed – that's tiny

Fell – bump!

Grow/grew – whistle with ascending pitch and make a popping noise

A farmer (Oo-ahh) went out to sow his seed (that's tiny). He threw the seed (that's tiny) high into the air and the wind carried it across his field.

As the farmer (Oo-ahh) did his work, some of the seed (that's tiny) fell (bump) on the path. Here it didn't even have a chance to grow (whistle pop) as people crushed it with their feet and the birds swooped down and ate it up.

As the farmer (Oo-ahh) did his work, some of the seed (that's tiny) fell (bump) on rocky ground. Here it started to grow (whistle pop) but it couldn't grow (whistle pop) deep roots amongst the rocks and it couldn't find much water. When the sun came up and it got hot, the little plants dried up and died.

As the farmer (Oo-ah) did his work, some of the seed (that's tiny) fell (bump) where there were thorns and thistles and other weeds growing (whistle pop) as well. The seeds (that's tiny) started to grow (whistle pop) but the weeds grew (whistle pop) as well. The little plants were soon covered by the weeds. They had no light and so they died.

As the farmer (Oo-ahh) did his work, some of the seed (that's tiny) fell (bump) on the good soil. Here the seeds (that's tiny) settled into the ground and started to grow (whistle pop). They grew (whistle pop) and grew (whistle pop) until they were tall plants with 60, 80 or even 100 seeds (that's tiny) on the top.

Jesus said: 'Listen to me and let my Word take root in your heart. Then you can be like healthy plants, growing up to bear many seeds (that's tiny) of your own.'