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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

WEEK OF SEXAGESIMA

The word Sexagesima comes from the Latin word for "sixtieth." It is named this because it is the Sunday approximately 60 days from Easter. The color for the Week of Sexagesima is green or purple.

Draw a picture of what happened to each seed in the Gospel reading (seed trampled on the path, fell among rock, fell among thorns, fell on good soil)



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What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the words "sower" and "seed." You will hear them more than once. Where else do you hear them?

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:4-15

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

4 And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What is a parable?
- 2) What does Jesus say the "seed" is when He explains the parable?
- 3) Does anyone plant this way, throwing seed everywhere?
- 4) Is Jesus picky about who He preaches His Word to?
- 5) What does this tell us about hearing God's Word and making sure it gets preached?

People of the Bible: Disciples

In the Gospel reading we hear about the disciples. But who were the disciples? The word "disciple" means a student or

follower. Jesus called twelve men to be His disciples at the beginning of His ministry. In the Gospel of Mark they are listed as follows in Chapter 3: "He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him." After Judas betrayed Jesus, the Book of Acts says he was replaced with Matthias. The disciples learned from Jesus during His three years of ministry on earth, and then after Jesus was crucified and resurrected, He sent them out to preach the Gospel to all people. They are also called the "Apostles," a word that means "sent ones."

Catechism Corner

What does God say of all these commandments?

He says thus: I the Lord, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My Commandments.

What does this mean? Answer:

God threatens to punish all that transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his wrath and not act contrary to them. But he promises grace and every blessing to all that keep these Commandments. Therefore we should also love and trust in Him and willingly do according to His Commandments.

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