



## **The Story of the Farmer**

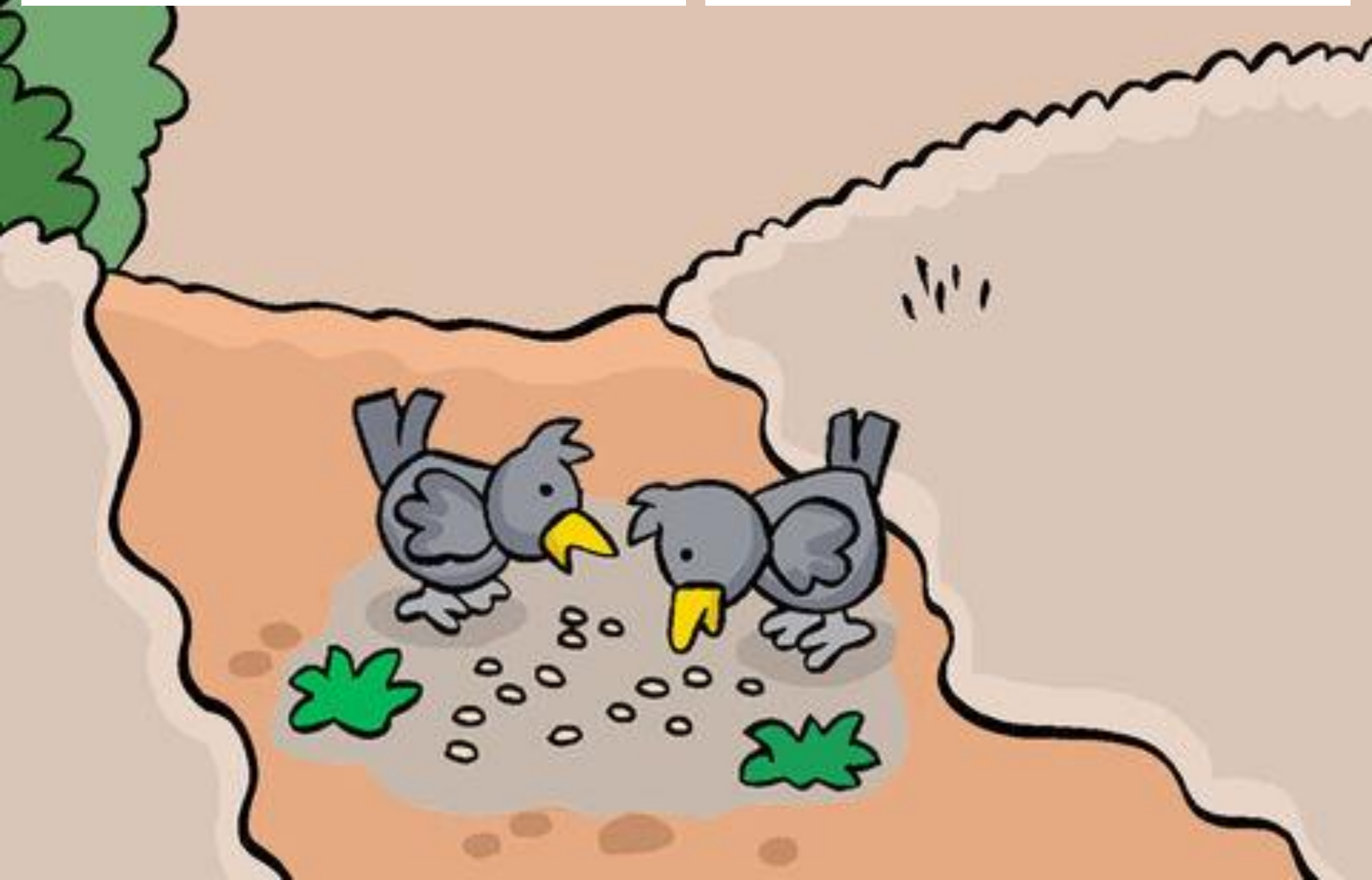
Jesus told this story. "A farmer went out to plant some seed.

## ***A História do Semeador***

*Jesus ensinou o povo, contado a seguinte história: "Um semeador saiu para plantar algumas sementes.*

As he was spreading the seed by hand, some of the seed happened to fall on the path. But birds came and ate all of that seed."

Enquanto ele as semeava, algumas caíram no caminho. As aves viram e comeram estas sementes."



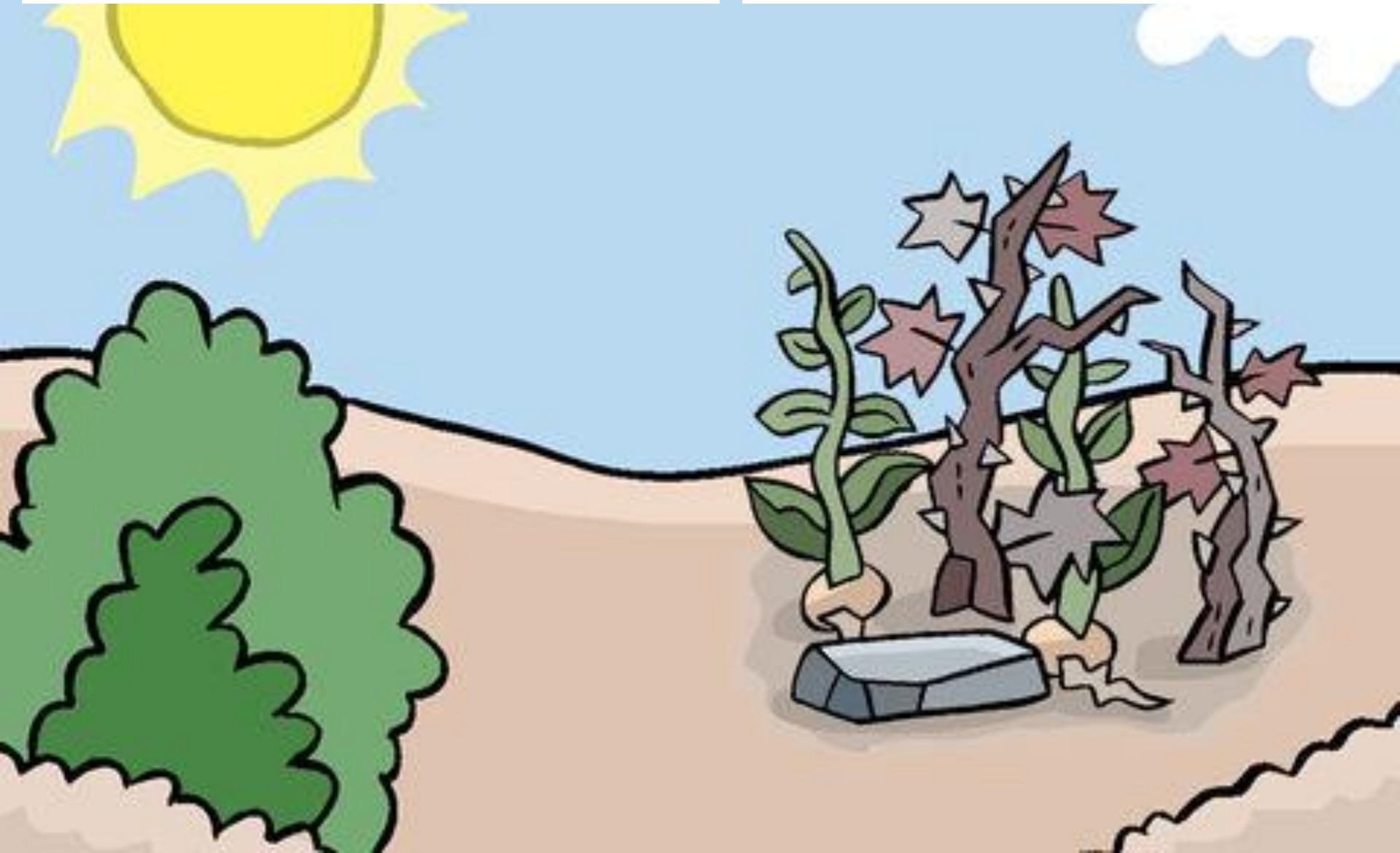
“Other seed fell on rocky ground, where there was very little soil. The seed in the rocky ground sprouted quickly, but its roots were not able to go deep into the soil. When the sun came up and it got hot, the plants withered and died.”

“Outras sementes caíram num terreno com muitas pedras e pouca terra. Elas brotaram rapidamente, mas suas raízes não se aprofundaram na terra rasa. Por isso, quando veio o calor do sol, as plantas murcharam e morreram rapidamente.”



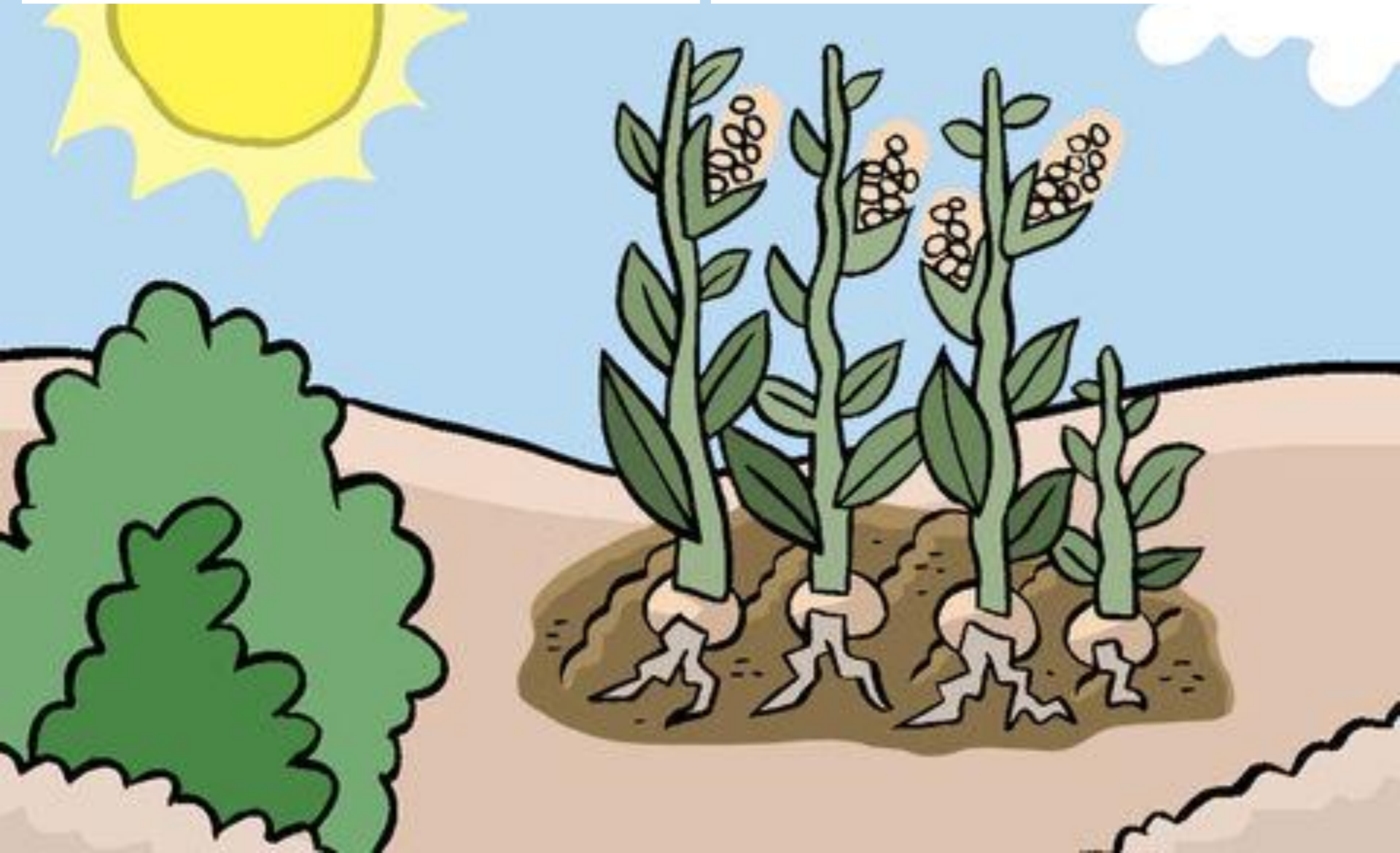
“Still other seed fell among thorn bushes. This seed began to grow, but the thorns choked it out. So the plants that grew from the seed in the thorny ground did not produce any grain.”

“Outras sementes caíram no meio de arbustos cheios de espinhos. Quando elas brotaram, foram sufocadas pelos espinhos e não produziram nenhum grão.”



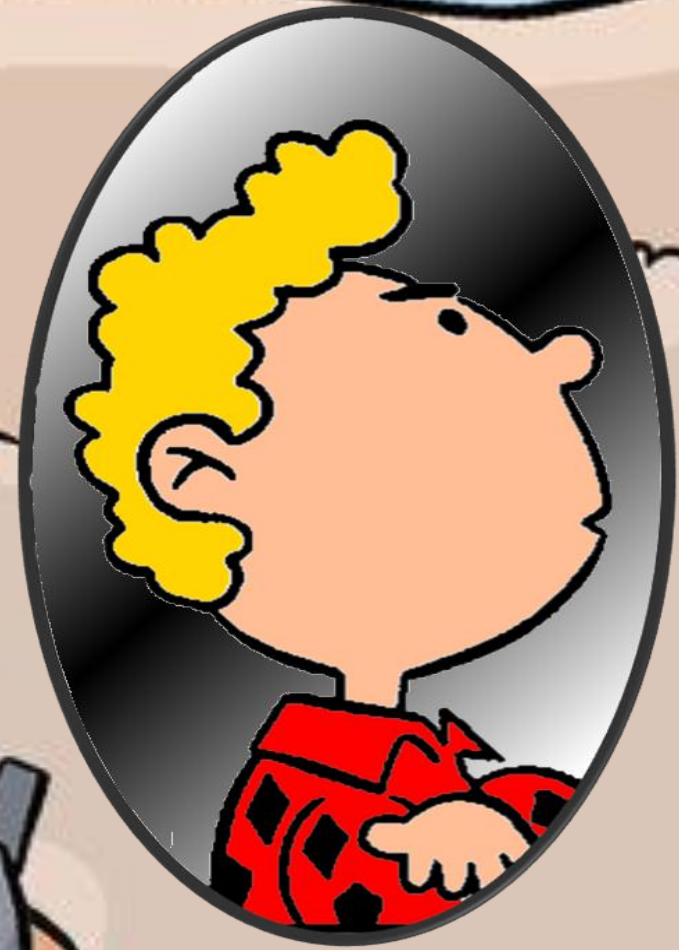
“Other seed fell into good soil. This seed grew up and produced 30, 60, or even 100 times as much grain as the seed that had been planted!”

“Mas outras sementes caíram em terra boa. Elas brotaram, cresceram e produziram trinta, sessenta ou até cem vezes a quantidade de semente que foi plantada!”



This story confused the disciples. So Jesus explained, “The seed is the word of God. The path is a person who hears God’s word, but does not take it in. Then the devil takes the word away from him. That is, the devil keeps him from understanding it.”

*Os discípulos não entenderam o sentido dessa história. Então, Jesus explicou: “As sementes representam a Palavra de Deus. As sementes no caminho são como as pessoas que ouvem a Palavra de Deus, não o assimilam e o Diabo vem e tira delas a Palavra.”*



“The rocky ground is a person who hears God’s word and accepts it with joy. But when trouble comes, he stops trusting in God.”

*“As sementes que caíram entre as pedras com pouca terra são como as pessoas que ouvem a Palavra de Deus e a aceitam com alegria. Mas, como não tem raiz, não dura muito tempo. Assim que encontra dificuldades, abandona a sua fé.”*



“And what about the seed that fell among the thorny weeds? That is like the people who hear the teaching but let worries about this life and love for money stop it from growing.”



*"As que caíram entre os espinhos representam outros que ouvem a mensagem, mas logo ela é sufocada pelas preocupações desta vida e pela sedução da riqueza, de modo que não produzem fruto."*



“But the seed in the good soil is a person who hears the word of God, believes it, and produces fruit.”



*“Mas as sementes que caíram em boa terra representam as pessoas que ouvem a Palavra de Deus, acreditam nela e produzem frutos.”*



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