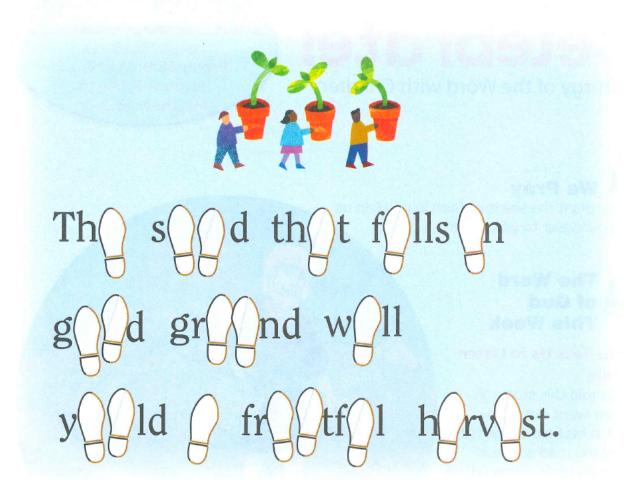
## **Activity**

Jesus told a story about a farmer, seeds, and the soil. Fill in the missing vowels to discover Jesus' message.



**Family Corner** 

## **Faith Focus**

Jesus' story about the farmer who scattered seeds over several types of soil reminds us to examine the kind of soil we offer for God's word to grow in us.

God's word grows best in a heart that is ready to accept it—tilled and tender like good soil; a heart that is prepared to keep it growing with watering and weeding. This kind of heart will produce the biggest harvest of Gospel values!

## **Family Activity**

Make Jesus' story come to life for your family. Buy some quick-sprouting seeds. Plant them in small clay pots or paper cups filled with a variety of soils; for instance, dirt, sand, or stones. Give them all the same amount of sun and water. Compare the plants as they grow. Read Matthew 13:3–8 and ask: Which soil does God want our hearts to be like? Why?

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