



## A Story About a Farmer Sowing Seed

(Mark 4 :1-9)

<sup>1</sup> One time Jesus began teaching by the lake, and lots of people came to hear him. He got into a boat so that he could teach them all. All the people stayed on the beach next to the water. <sup>2</sup> Jesus used stories to teach the people many things. One of his stories went like this:

<sup>3</sup> "Listen! A farmer went out to plant seed. <sup>4</sup> While he was scattering the seed, some of it fell on the path. The birds came and ate all that seed. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where there was not enough earth. At first it grew really quickly there because the soil was not deep. <sup>6</sup> But then the sun rose and the plants were burned. They died because they did not have deep roots. <sup>7</sup> Some other seed fell on ground full of weeds. The weeds grew and stopped the good plants from growing. So they did not make the grain they were meant to. <sup>8</sup> But some of the seed fell on good ground. There it began to grow, and it made grain. Some plants made 30 times more grain, some 60 times more, and some 100 times more."

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said, "You people who hear me, listen!"

