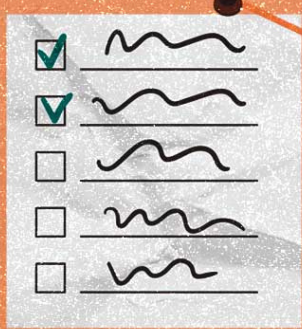




ON THE CASE



DAY ONE

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL



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Day 1 of On the Case is in the books!
We talked about the four different types
of soil in Jesus' parable of the sower.

Here was the Big Idea:
Spending time with God is how we grow.

THE... MESSAGE

LUKE 8:4-15

If the seeds represent God's words, or what's
written in the Bible, then the different soils
must be talking about our hearts.

So, if our hearts are like Exhibit A, the path,
that's like someone who has a hard heart.
They hear God's words, but they don't sink
in. It's almost like the words bounce off of
their hard hearts . . . like how a seed that
falls onto the path would probably bounce a
few times.

Someone with a heart like Exhibit B, the
rocky ground, would really like what they're
hearing from God's word at first, but they
don't try to know more. So, their
understanding of God isn't strong enough to
stand the test of time.

And Exhibit C — the thorns. People with this
kind of heart hear God's words, but start to
ignore God and give all their attention to
other things.

THE... MESSAGE CONTINUED...

So, Exhibit D — the good soil — was where all the
crops grew. That's because it was the perfect
environment for a seed to make deep roots and
grow into a big plant!

So, if our hearts are like the good soil, that must
mean we are taking in God's words, letting them sink
in, doing what we can to practice what we hear, and
therefore, growing in our relationship with God.

It's all about spending time with God.

That's it! I love God, but I have been wondering how I
can grow my faith. . .that is, get closer to God.

Have you ever thought about jumping into the pool
in the summer sun? Did you think it would help you
grow?

Plants need sun and water...
so we should grow too right?

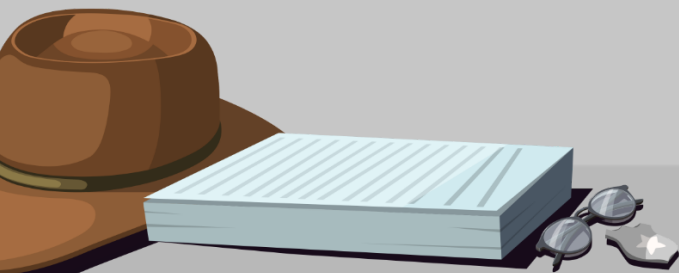
It didn't work. Have you tried drinking lots and lots of
milk..... that only resulted in a bad stomach ache.

After today we have found the answer,
Free of charge.

How do we grow?
By spending time with God! – Case closed!

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grow



PARABLE OF THE SOWER: LUKE 8:4-15

INVESTIGATE JOHN 15:5

How does this verse relate to today's Bible story and Big Idea?

How would your life be different if you spent more time with God?

ACTIVITY

Follow [these instructions](#) to help the kids create their own Flowers in Disguise.

You can modify the recipe by removing the Cool Whip and using individual chocolate pudding cups that the kids can top with crushed Oreos.

Flowers start as tiny seeds that grow beautifully when given what they need. And just like when we start our adventure with God, our faith might be tiny, but it doesn't have to stay that way.

When we regularly spend time with God, our faith grows and grows. Just like what our Big Idea says, spending time with God is how we grow, let's eat this fun snack to remind us of today's Big Idea.

QUESTIONS

- What is a parable?
- How is a parable kind of like a mystery?
- What clues did Jesus give this week about how we can grow?
- What did the "good soil" represent?
- What evidence would be found to show that your faith is really growing?
- What's one way you could practice spending time with God this week?

MEMORIZATION

This week, your kids are memorizing the Bible verse Ephesians 3:4 (NIV), in case you want to work on them together.

WORSHIP

"On the Case"
(Grow Curriculum)

"Oh Sing" (Elevation Worship)

Locate the suggested songs by using the QR Code provided

