

YEAR A

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LISTEN!

VISUAL AIDS

- > Seeds, wheat, weeds, thorns, withered plants, rocks.
- > Seed shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord,
your servants are listening.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News
given to us by Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus says:
'Imagine that you are a farmer going
out to sow your seeds.
As you sow, some seeds fall on the
pathway, where the birds swoop
down and eat them up.
Some seeds fall among the rocks
where there is hardly any soil;

DISCUSSION

When are we like the seeds:
- that fall on the path?
- that fall amongst rocks?
- that fall amongst thorns and
weeds?
- that fall on good soil?

ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children mime the story, taking turns to be the farmer, the seed, the birds, the weeds, etc.
- > Give out the seed shape cut-outs.
- > Have the children write or draw the good crop that they will produce in the week ahead.

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SHARING

Invite the children to close their eyes, and listen to the sounds all around them.

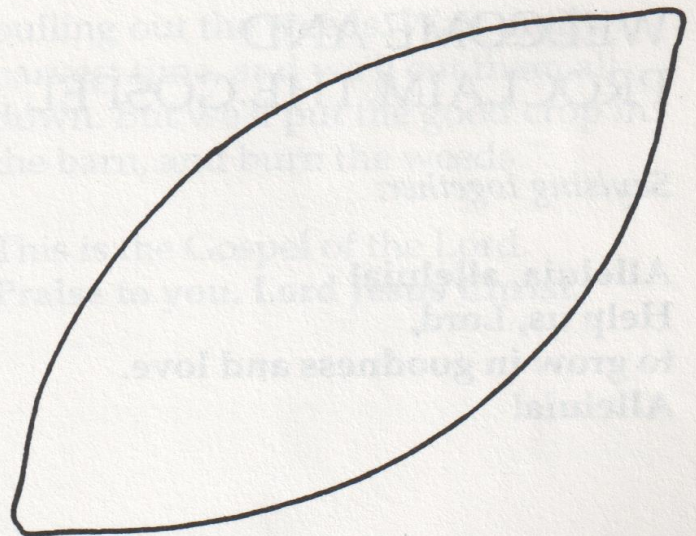
What sounds did they hear last week?

Which of those sounds did they like, and which ones did they not like?

Today Jesus is sitting by the lakeside, talking to a great crowd of people; listen to him.

They soon wither away because they can not put down good roots. Some seeds fall among the thorns and weeds, and get smothered and choked by them. Some seeds fall on good ground with rich soil, where they will grow up strong and produce a good crop.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



> Recite the psalm, all saying the response, individuals or groups the verses:

Response:

Help us, Lord, to grow in rich soil.

Lord, you take great care of the earth.

You fill it with wonderful things.
Your river in heaven overflows
to provide us with grain. *Response*

You provide for the earth,
you water it with rain.
You soften the earth with gentle rain.
You bless its growth. *Response*

The hills rejoice,
the meadows are full of sheep.
Wheat fills the valleys.
The whole world shouts for joy.
Response