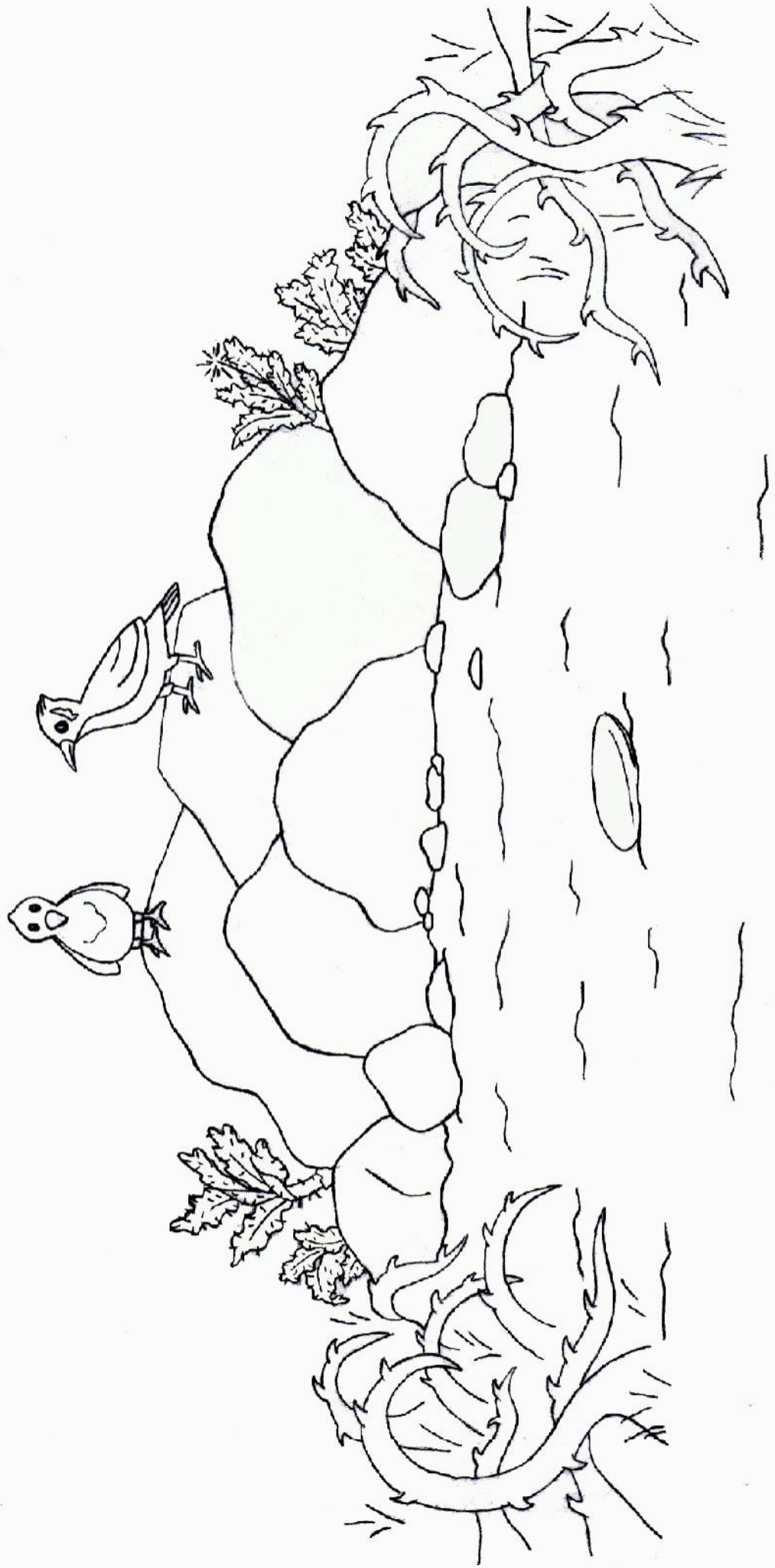
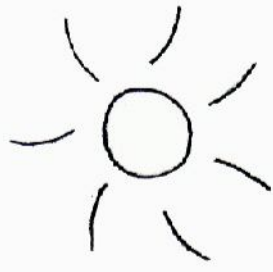


# Planting Seeds



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At the beginning of last rainy season Bruno and I planted seven hectares of corn. We planted the corn in rows, throughout the land. Some of the seed was too near the surface and birds came and dug it up and ate it. Some of our corn seed had rocks or sandy soil beneath it, so while it started to grow well at first it soon died when the rains were not very consistent and the sun was especially bright. Other seeds were planted in places where there were too many weeds. The weeds eventually choked out the corn so that it died. But there were still other seeds that were planted in good soil without too many weeds around. These seeds grew up to be strong stalks of corn and produced hundreds of grains of corn, and gave us a good harvest.

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*Matthew 13:3-9 "Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear...*

*18-23 Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."*





## Application Questions

1) What kind of ground is your heart?

2) When you share the good news can you expect everyone to change and become followers of Jesus?

3) Is it your fault if some people do not accept Jesus after you have shared about Him with them?

4) Why is it important to sow the Good News to a large number of people?

5) Can you as a farmer make a plant grow? Who has the power to make a plant grow?

6) Why is it important for us to recognize that God is the one who makes the Kingdom grow?

7) How can so seeds for the Kingdom of God?