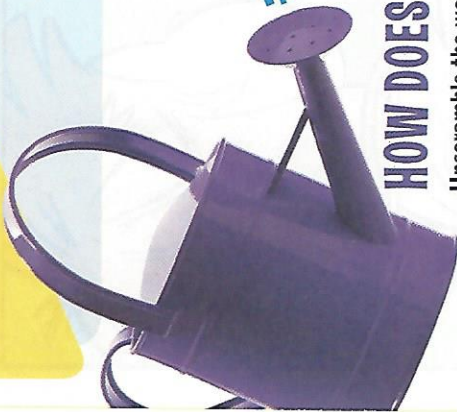


Matching Game

Jesus told a story about a farmer sowing seed. Match where the seed fell with what happened to it.

- seed fell on the path
- seed fell into thorns
- seed planted in good soil
- seed fell on rock

- plants died because they had no moisture
- good plants were crowded out by bad plants
- birds ate the seed and people walked on it
- plants grew up healthy and strong



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Unscramble the words about the farmer, found in Luke 8:4-8, 11-15 (NIV).

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| 1. OWS | _____ | 6. REETHDWI | _____ |
| 2. DESE | _____ | 7. ERUSTOIM | _____ |
| 3. THAP | _____ | 8. TONSHR | _____ |
| 4. PLEDMART | _____ | 9. LOIS | _____ |
| 5. RIDSB | _____ | 10. PROC | _____ |

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?
 sow, seed, path, thorns, soil, crop, moisture, birds, sowed, withered.

MATCHING GAME
 seed fell on the path (birds ate the seed and people walked on it), seed fell into thorns (good plants were crowded out by bad plants), seed fell on rock (plants died because they had no moisture), seed fell in good soil (plants grew up healthy and strong).

BOOKS, BIRDS, BUNNIES

by Melissa Knight

Just one more page! Kara thought. She finished the chapter she was reading. What an exciting story! Then she glanced at the clock. *Oops! Is it really 11:30?*

Just then Kara's mom opened the bedroom door. She looked sleepy. "Kara, are you still reading? I told you to turn your light off two hours ago! You know we go to worship tomorrow morning!"

"I'm sorry, Mom," Kara said. "I didn't mean to stay up so late. I just lost track of time."

Mom sighed. "This isn't the first time this has happened, Kara. We'll talk about it in the morning."

Kara turned off her light and fell asleep quickly. But it seemed like only minutes before her alarm clock buzzed.

At breakfast that morning Kara could hardly keep her eyes open. She thought Mom would talk to her about how late she had stayed up last night. But Mom had other things on

her mind. "That rabbit was back in our garden again," Mom told Kara's dad. "He's eating up our vegetables as soon as they sprout!"

"We'll have to get rid of him," Dad said. "I'll set a trap after church services."

Kara's sleepiness disappeared for the moment. "But Dad," she said, "I've seen that little bunny. He's so cute."

"Yes, he's cute," Dad agreed. "But he'll ruin our garden. I won't





hurt him, Kara. I'll just take him out to the country."

Kara almost fell asleep in Sunday school that morning.

And she couldn't stay alert in children's worship either.

After the worship services, Kara helped Mom set the table for lunch. "What was your Sunday school lesson about, Kara?" Mom asked.

"Well, I don't remember, Mom," Kara had to admit.

Mom started filling the glasses with ice. "Do you think you got enough sleep last night, Kara?" she asked. "Being sleepy makes it hard to concentrate."

"I know, Mom," Kara said. "But you like for me to read books, don't you? At least I stayed up late for a good reason."

Mom put the glasses on the table. Then she came over to Kara and hugged her. "Even a good thing can sometimes keep us from putting God first," she said gently. "Remember the story that Jesus told about the farmer? Some of the seeds the farmer planted were eaten by the birds. Birds aren't bad, either. But they can be pests if we let them."

As she ate her lunch, Kara thought about what Mom said. "Dad," she asked, "may I help you set the trap to catch that bunny?"

Dad looked surprised. "I thought you didn't want us to get rid of the bunny!" he said.

Kara sighed. "I don't," she admitted. Then she smiled and gave Mom a wink. "But I've been learning about pest control. And catching that bunny will be good practice!"



What was Kara's problem?



What comes between you and God?



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