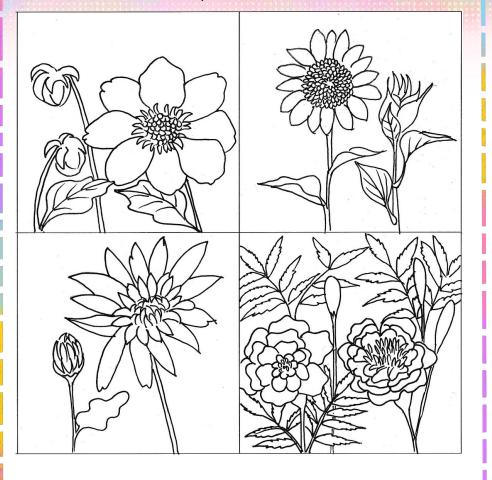
## **Draw & Color**

Color in the flowering plants. Then draw your own at the bottom.





July 16, 2023 **Pentecost 7** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## Scattering Seeds

Jesus told stories to help people understand about God.

"A farmer scattered seeds far and wide," Jesus said. "Some seeds landed on poor soil and didn't grow. But some seeds landed on rich, deep soil, and they grew into big, healthy plants that gave lots of new seeds."

Jesus friends didn't get it. "What does that mean?" they asked.

Jesus answered, "The seeds are the good news of God's love, and the farmer is anyone who shares that good news like you and me! When we share the good news, it lands in people's hearts."

"Why doesn't all the seed grow?" they asked.

"Sometimes people don't want to listen and learn about God's love. But some people do listen and God's love grows in their hearts and soon, they start scattering God's good news, too!"

"Now it makes sense!" his friends said.

## **REMEMBER THIS**

**SCATTER** To spread out far and wide.

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SEED HUNT

Where have all the scattered seeds gone?. There are 35 seeds  $\bigcirc$  in the picture. How many can you find? Color the picture when you've found them all.



## **Did You Know?**

Every plant that has flowers makes fruit to carry its seeds. There are 300,000 known species of fruit-producing plants in the world. That's a whole lot of seeds!

**TRY IT AT HOME!** With a grown-up, plant some seeds in a flower-pot to make an indoor garden.

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