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The Parable of the Parable of the Sower

May and Mom were outside planting a garden. May was especially excited to plant her very own pepper plant.

"Now May, are you going to plant your pepper seeds in the rocks?" Mom asked.

"No, Mom!" May laughed. "Not in the rocks! They go in the dirt!"

"Oh yes! Okay, how about... This spot?"

Mom pointed to a shady spot next to the shed. There was dirt, but alot of weeds too.

"No, no!" May giggled. There's no sunshine over there, and there's too many weeds."

"Oh right! We need to plant the seeds in good soil." Mom smiled. They walked to an empty spot in the garden. It was good soil and there was plenty of sunlight. Mom tossed a few seeds on the ground.

"There! All done!" She said.

"Mom!" May rolled her eyes as she picked up the seeds. "We need to plant the seeds in the ground! They don't go on top!"

"You're right! We don't want the birds to eat the seeds!" Mom winked as she bent down to help May plant the seeds. "May, do you remember the Parable of the Sower?"

"That was a story Jesus told, right?" May asked.

"Yes, and His story is just like what we did today. Planting a seed is like growing a testimony. We need to make sure we take care of our testimony. For instance, if our hearts are hard as rocks, we will never be able to receive the teachings of the gospel, just like how a seed can't grow in the rocks. But if our hearts are soft like the soil, we will be able to understand and our testimonies will grow."

"Oh! So you were trying to teach me! Hey, you teach the gospel using stories too! Like Jesus!" May pointed out.

"That's right! There's a scripture in Matthew 13. It's verse 13. It says, 'Therefore I speak to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.' I teach you the gospel using stories so you can understand it better!"

"Thanks Mom! I understand much better when you use stories!" May smiled as they finished planting the seeds.