![God's Story Our Story — RCL Worship Resources by Clergy Stuff. Family Take-Home Devotions]

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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.

Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Holy Lord, you scatter your word far and wide. Make our hearts fertile ground to receive it, grow it, and share its fruits with all who need to hear it, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." **(Matthew 13:23)**

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

God is a generous sower. God makes it easy for us to be good soil. Remain receptive, and God's word takes hold.

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What does it mean to be "good soil"? Is it something you can do for yourself or something you must rely on God to do? How does the distinction shape how you prepare yourself to receive God's word?

For the littles: What is your favorite plant or flower?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God prepare your heart to receive God's word. Amen.

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do your grocery shopping this week at a co-op. Talk to the owner or a worker about where the food comes from. Consider how consuming food grown locally can support your community and contribute toward better health.

Go Deeper: Go to **bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl** for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 142; Micah 1:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Tuesday, Psalm 142; Jeremiah 49:7-11; Ephesians 4:17-5:2
Wednesday, Psalm 142; Obadiah 15-21; Matthew 13:10-17
Thursday, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-9
Friday, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Hebrews 6:13-20
Saturday, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Exodus 14:9-25; Matthew 7:15-20