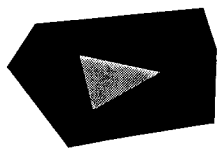


“The Sower Sows the Word”



Heavy Reviews:

As we read in Luke 4:18 & 19, Jesus spoke of the anointing of God coming upon Him and what it would empower Him to do. The importance of that verse sets us up for today’s teaching on “Skittles”. In the Greek, anointing implies the requirement of receptiveness on the part of the one being anointed. In Luke 4:18 & 19, the anointing empowered Jesus to perform a certain assigned task given by His Father, but it (the anointing) only came as He (Jesus) received it, implying an expectancy. This scriptural premise can be applied to any area of our Christian walk. We need to have an expectancy for the anointing upon all areas of our lives, such as our finances, our occupation, our healing, our daily walk with God, and raising our children.



Lesson FOCUS:

Expecting from the Lord



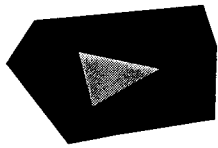
MEMORY VERSE:

***“My expectation
is from the
Lord.”
Psalm 62:5***



The following are three parables found in the scriptures which support the theme of “Expecting from the Lord”. Remember, a parable is the comparison of the natural to the spiritual by which the spiritual is better understood, so that the listener will desire change.

Mark 4:13-20 tells the story of Jesus sowing the Word into our hearts. This parable paints a picture of a farmer (Jesus) sowing seed (Word) into the ground (our hearts). Each of the four types of soil is ‘what we choose to be’. How we choose to receive from God’s word or His ministers. In this story, there are four types of hearts examined: the wayside, the stony or hard heart, the heart surrounded by thorns and the heart that is receptive, which is the good soil.



Heavy Revies cont:



The second supportive story is of the lady who is knocking at the door of the unjust judge. She persisted even to the point of being executed because she was expectant. In Luke 18:1 preceeding this story, it says, "Man ought to pray and not faint." "Fainting not" is the result of prayer, total dependency or expectancy on the Lord. Faint means to lose heart or to be cowardly. In verse five, she wearied the judge and he granted her request because of her continual crying. Continual means, "aimed at the goal," to reach the goal that ends all previous activities, finished or completed.

TEACHING HINTS:

We prefer to use "RRRR" in teaching this lesson. Richie Ray is a fire-ball type Pentecostal preacher. His personality adds to the excitement of the presentation.

Give each child a Kleenex to do the Pentecostal wave of agreement, when they echo your "Amen."



The third parable is about the woman who had an issue of blood in Mark 5:25. She had this disease for twelve years. She had spent all that she had and was hopeless with no expectation except to receive her healing from Jesus. Children need to be taught to come to church expecting more than a cute puppet skit, a laugh, candy, Bible bucks, etc. They need to learn to pull on the anointing.



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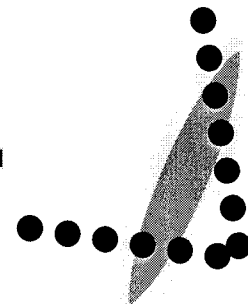
- 5-10 LARGE BAGS OF SKITTLES CANDY**
(1 BAG FOR EVERY 10-15 KIDS - MINIMUM OF 5 LARGE BAGS)
- 1 PAINT DROP CLOTH**
(MINIMUM 8'x 8')
- EAR OF FIELD CORN**
- ROCK**
(4-8" IN DIAMETER) PITCHER OF WATER
- SMALL DRINKING CUP**
- "JACK IN THE BOX" TOY**
- PICTURE OF CRACKED SIDEWALK**
(IF POSSIBLE)
- KLEENEX**
ONE FOR EVERY CHILD AND TEACHER

In the story of the lady with the issue of blood (Matt 9:20), it was her faith that healed her. It is important to note that others had needs and were surrounding Jesus, but it was only when she touched His hem that healing virtue flowed out. She was drawing on His anointing, His healing virtue, and she was expecting. She didn't just go to church and rub shoulders with the Pastor, she drew it out of him.



Song List:

- Saveda Ma Soul* 2Nos 1
- Lord Be My Helper* Fre 8
- I Will Arise* 2Nos 7
- I Have a Destiny* Fre 10
- Holy Spirit Come* Dsgn 11
- Jesus Come In* P4:8 11



"THE SOWER SOWS THE WORD" SCRIPT

Boys and Girls, we are talking today about the sower who sowed the seed.
 Mark 4:13 says "The sower soweth the word."
 Does anyone know who the sower is? (Jesus)
 Does anyone know what the sower sows? (seed, His Word) Does anyone know where the sower sowed the Word? (soil, our hearts) Well, since I only brought one ear of corn today, I didn't have enough for every one of you, so I brought some Skittles in place of the corn. How many of you like Skittles? If you like Skittles, wave your hankies and say "Amen."

Instructions: Richie Ray examines each color of Skittles and ask the kids what they think of when they see the different colors of Skittles.

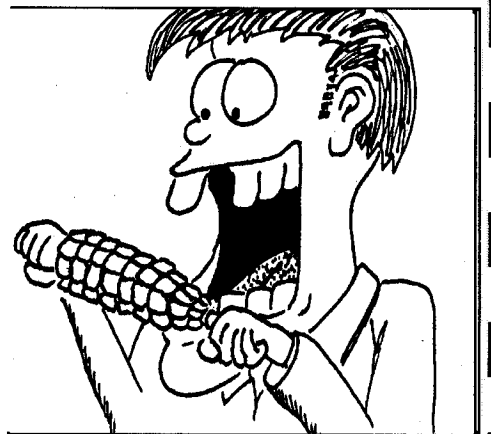
Red - What do you think of?
 The red shed blood of Jesus.

John 3:16 "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."
 Jesus blood was shed for you.

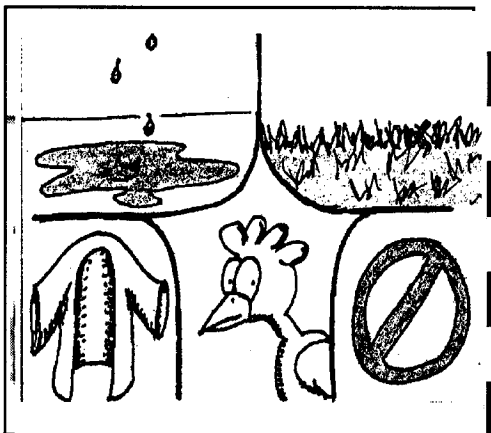
Green - What do the green ones remind you of? Green grass. Green means growth. When God's Word is in you, you grow spiritually.



The Most Holy Rollin
 Reverend Rappin Righteous
 Richie Ray
 Ramblin On and On and On



Not enough corn for everyone



Red Skittles remind us of the blood of Jesus
 Green = growing spiritually.

Purple - What does the purple one remind you of? The clothes of royalty. Jesus took our "sad rags" and He gave us "glad rags" which are clothes of righteousness, dancing clothes. (Dance up a pentecostal jig.)

Yellow - What do yellow ones remind you of? The sun. (Jesus is the Son) Streets of gold. It also reminds Richie Ray that if you don't pray in tongues you become a yellow-belly chicken for Jesus. You need to pray in tongues so you will be a bold witness.

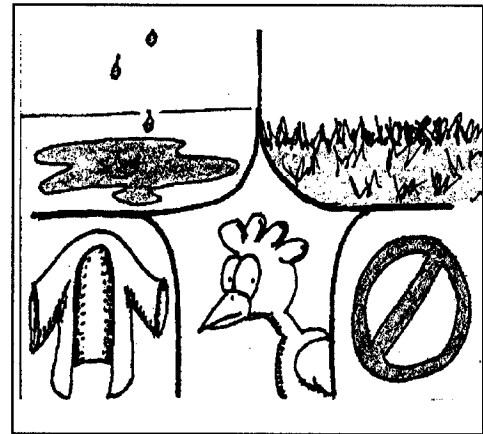
Orange - What does the orange one remind you of? Orange you glad there aren't anymore colors? Orange you glad Jesus died for your sins?

Anyway, I didn't have enough seed corn to give you so I'm gonna throw out Skittles instead. Can you give me a Yes?



Instructions. Proceed with caution, at your own discretion, throwing Skittles all over the classroom in place of seed corn. The children will go wild, so some discipline may be needed, however, the point to make at the end of the teaching is how crazy they acted, getting out of their seats, jumping, stretching their hands and arms with every bit of energy they have, just to get one little Skittle. Then, ask the question, "Is this how hungry you are for God and the things of God? Do you jump up with all that is in you to grab a nugget of God's Word, His anointing? Do you leap (dance) and act that foolish for God?" The answer to these questions hits them like a 2x4 between the eyes, just as it does to us. Do you and I as teachers get that excited for the things of God? Examine yourselves, Selah!

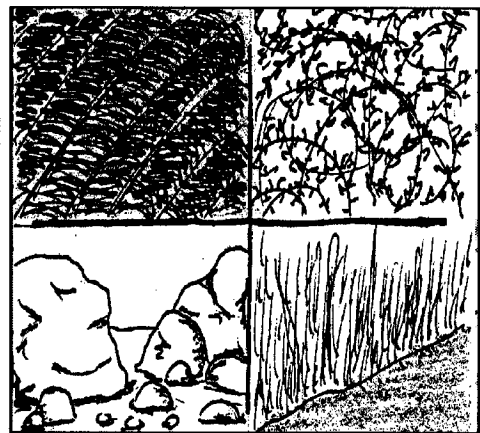
Now, I want to show you the four types of soil (hearts) and how each accepts or rejects God's Word.



Purple Skittles remind us of royalty.
Yellow - Jesus the Son of God, streets of gold, being a chicken
"orange you glad Jesus died for you?"



Richie Ray throwing Skittles. Can you give me a yes??
Are you hungry for God?



Four types of soils or hearts

WAYSIDE - What is the wayside? (have children respond) Well, when Richie Ray was a little boy on the farm, he would sow seed and most of the seed fell close to where he stood in the center of the field, but a little, not much would go way out to the outside of the field, way out to the edge, the way side!

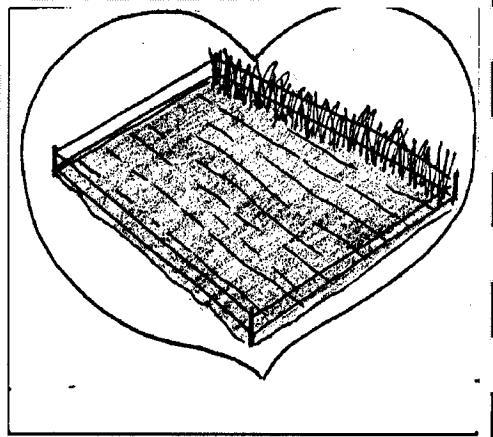
What kind of boy or girl (heart) is that? It's the boy or girl who comes to church, but their heart is way out there. They are not expecting much from God. They hear and don't understand, because they are only half there. You can be sitting on the front row and your heart be way out there.

Or you could be sitting way out to the side, (go to the side and pour over a kid sitting on the side a whole bag full of Skittles). But your heart is like you are sitting on the front row, getting all you can from God.

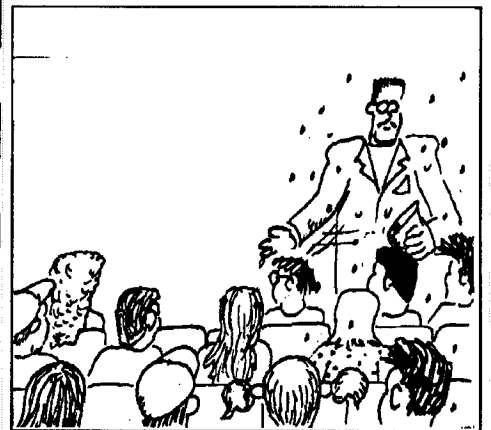
Then what is the second type of soil/heart? (allow children to respond)

Instructions: Pick a volunteer, an adult, or a teen helper. Get the children to pick, put the adult in the middle of the drop cloth. Then have four to six children surround the adult on their knees. Then have the adult hold the rock on their head.

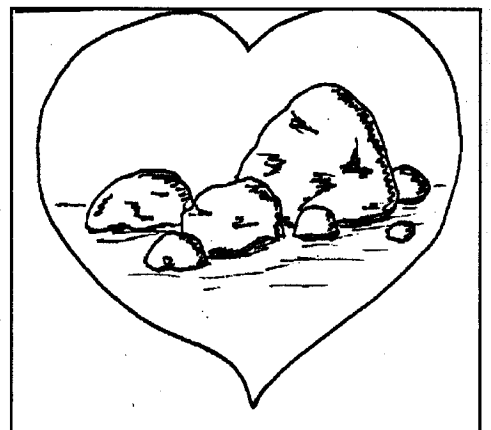
Stony or hard soil is that child who comes to church with an attitude of "You're not going to teach me anything." They are in church, mom or dad made them come, but their heart is hard, cold as ice towards God.



Wayside Heart - the boy or girl who comes to church, but their heart is way out there. They receive little.



You can be on the side but your heart is in the front row. Then you can get ALL you can from God!



Stony or hard hearts say, "You're not going to teach me anything." Because of persecution they choose to harden their heart.

Boys and girls, this is what hard soil is like.

Instructions - Pour Skittles over the rock on the adult's head. The children on the ground will scarf up the falling Skittles. Then when finished, have the kids sit down, but the adult stays on the drop cloth.

When Richie Ray was on the farm and he had hard soil like this (point to the rock) he would pray for rain.

Instructions: At this time drink a cup of water. Then ask the adult, "Do I look like the type of person who would throw a cup of water on you? No! I wouldn't do that!" Then go behind the adult and ask the kids this question.

What is water like in the Bible?

Answer - God's Word, the washing of the water of the Word. And how can you soften hard ground?

Instructions: Have them yell "The water of the Word." Get them to yell it as loud as you can, then eventually take a pitcher of water as the kids are yelling and pour it over the adult's head. After the laughter dies down, review the first and second soil, wayside and stony.

People get hard because they've been persecuted. Stay soft hearted to God. Read, speak, and receive more of God's word when being persecuted.

THORNY SOIL -

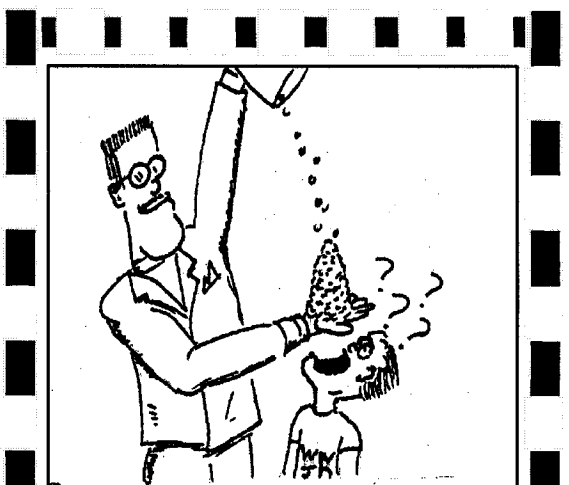
Instructions: Sit down between two girls with a handful of Skittles heading towards the one girl's mouth. Pretend you are a girl next to her and right before the Word (Skittles) get to her mouth, you tap her shoulder and proceed to tell her that your mom is taking you to the mall after church to get a new dress (if using boys change the topic to a skateboard, Nintendo, etc.).



Stony ground doesn't get anything!
Zero, zip, nada. The birds get the seeds.



Water softens hard soil.
Water is like God's Word.
Washing by the water of the Word.
The word will soften hard hearts.



The things of the world will steal God's Word, like thorns.
Friends, sports, music, TV
Even family can steal the word.

Instructions: Then take the handful of Skittles and cram them in your mouth and talk with your mouth full (for effect).

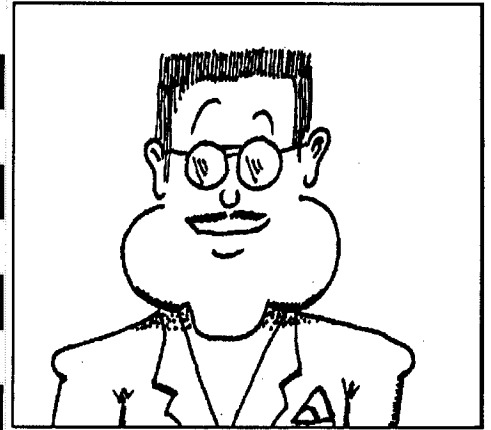
This is what happens when God's Word is going to someone, to save, deliver or heal them and they are concentrated on the teacher/pastor. But someone interrupts them and talks to them about the things of the world stealing the Word of God (Skittles) from them. The things of the world will steal God's Word from you.

What are some worldly things that can steal the Word of God from your heart?

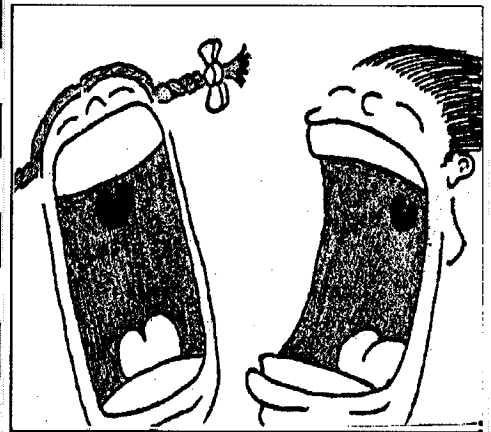
GOOD SOIL – This is just like most every one of us here today. I need a boy and a girl volunteer. I want to see who has the biggest mouth. (Have the kids open their mouths real big.)

Instructions: Have a helper chose a boy or a girl with the biggest mouth. Then illustrate by shoving the boy and girls mouth full of Skittles. NOTE: make sure their head is straight level. They must look straight forward, so they don't choke or suffocate. THIS IS IMPORTANT! As they have a large mouthful of Skittles with their cheeks packed full, kids will get out of their chairs and eat the Skittles that fell out of the "big mouth" volunteer and onto the dirty floor.

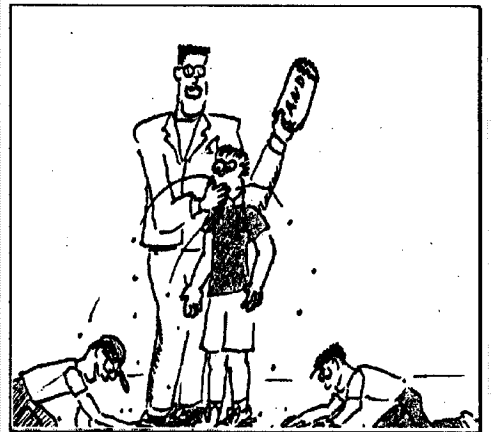
This is like the boy or girl who came to church expecting to get all they can from God. They don't care what anyone thought. Like some of you who ate the Skittles with dirt and spit on them. Sort of like a baby bird with it's mouth open, expecting to receive a worm from its mom.



Richie Ray talking with his mouth full. The things of the world steal the Word of God.



Good soil receives all it can
Like a baby bird waiting for a worm.

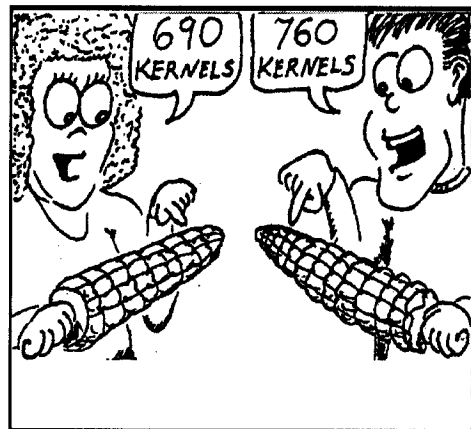


Kids do whatever it takes
to get more Skittles, like good soil.
Good soil=wants all of God it can get.

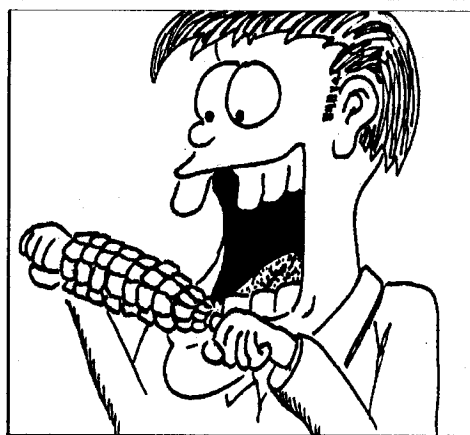
After illustrating the four types of soil/hearts proceed with one to three kids (depending on the number of ears of corn you have). Have them count the number of kernels around the ear, normally 13-17 kernels around and then have them count the number of kernels along the length of the corn, normally 30-50. Then have them multiply the number around by the number in length, to determine the total number of kernels on one ear.

The average field corn will have between 500-800 kernels on it. Tell them some stalks have two ears on them. If each ear has 500-800 kernels, then one kernel put in the ground will produce 500-1600 seed in one season. Using the low number of 500 in one season, illustrate that if 500 seeds were planted in the second year it could produce 500x500 or 250,000 seeds. If 250,000 seeds (or 1/4 million) were sown the third year and all produced 500 kernel, it would be 125,000,000 (or 125 million) seeds. In the fourth year it would be 62,500,000,000 (or 62-1/2 billion) seeds. This should be illustrated on a chalkboard or poster board to illustrate the power of a seed (God's Word) growing in our heart, it doesn't just add, it multiplies. John 10:10, God comes to give us life and life more abundant.

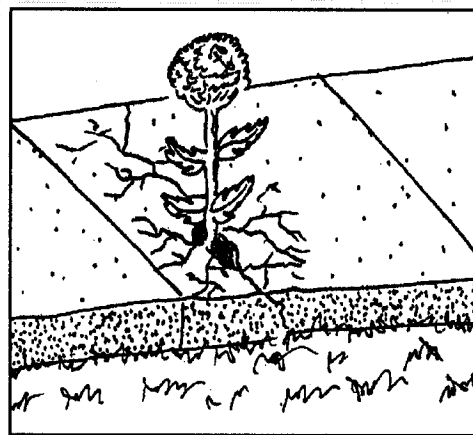
Let's further illustrate the power of one seed. Have you ever seen a thick sidewalk (3-8" thick) and it is heaved up (broken)? What makes it heave up? Just as one tiny little seed can break the hardest of sidewalks, so can one tiny little seed of God's word break through the hardest heart, the hardest situation, physical sickness, poverty, emotional hurts, etc.



The average ear of corn has 500 - 800 kernels. 1st year - 500 seeds, 2nd year - 250,000 seeds.



3rd year - 125 million seeds, 4th year - 62.5 billion seeds



One seed can break a sidewalk. One Word of God can break through a hard heart.

There is a Richie Ray story that really happened and can further paint the picture of Jesus being "thronged" in Mark 5:24-25.

Richie Ray was in agricultural school. One day Richie Ray got on the elevator at school to go from the first floor to the second. Twenty-five other farm boys followed him onto the elevator.

It was packed tight with over 5,000 pounds of farm boys. The elevator capacity was 1,500 pounds. The elevator was lifting three times what it was made to lift. Halfway between the first and second floor the elevator broke. For forty-five minutes twenty-six farm boys with smelly stuff on their shoes were crammed packed like sardines in a can.

It STUNK - OOOOH!! Now that was a true story, but that won't change your life.

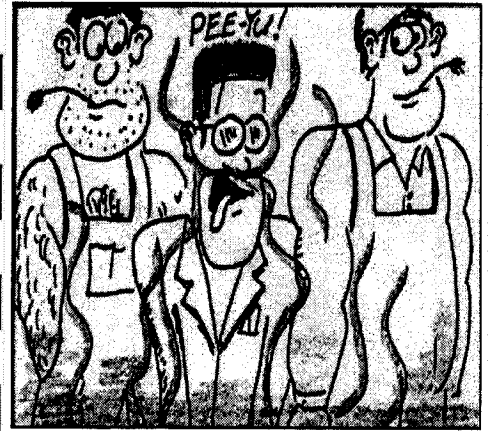
But this true story will change your life. The crowd was thronged around Jesus, just like the farm boys were around Richie Ray. I want to tell you about the woman with the issue of blood but I need your help.

Instructions: Have a teacher with ten kids surrounding, thronging up next to the teacher.

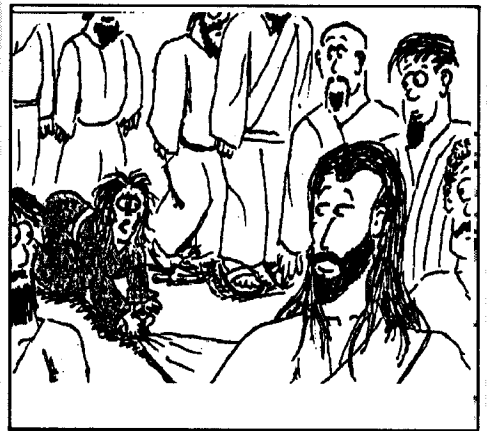
It was so tight around Jesus that He could hardly breathe. The woman who was bleeding crawled on the ground. (Tell how dirty it was. Talk about people kicking and stepping on the woman, spitting and how it landed on her.) They laughed and mocked her. Jesus had other people around him with needs, touching Him, but not getting anything. But when she touched the hem of His garment, she was instantly healed.

Ask the kids the question, why did she get healed? Because she was expecting! Are you expecting?

Instructions: Begin worship music softly in



Richie Ray "thronged" in a broken elevator.



The crowds thronged Jesus but one lady touched His hem and was healed. She was expecting.



Are you expecting?! Yeeesss!!

Instructions: At this time bring out the "Jack in the Box" and start cranking it slowly.

When we crank this handle,
Is Jack going to come out?

Yes! When? We don't know, but we know he is going to come popping up. Lets read Mark 4:20, "*And these are they which are sown on good ground (like you kids here today); such as hear the word and receive it and bring forth fruit some 30, 60 and 100 times.*"

The words "bring forth" means to spring up, or to pop up.

When a farmer puts seed into the ground he doesn't know when, but he knows it will spring up. When God's Word is received, you and I don't know when, but we know it will pop up. Just like "Jack in the Box"

Instructions: crank until it pops up.

That's how God's Word is in you - healing will pop up - finances for you and your family will come.

Every need you have, receive and it will pop forth. Let's review the four different hearts or soils in Mark 4.

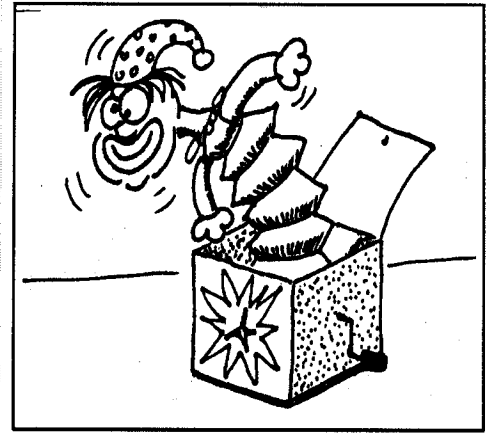
Before we leave today, lets all examine our hearts. You all looked like fools earlier jumping wildly to catch one little Skittle.

Do you come to church expecting?

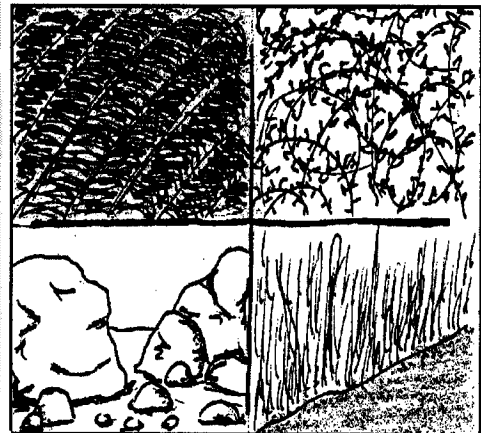
Are you needing something from God today? It could be salvation for yourself or a family member, your prayer language, healing for yourself or others. Are you willing to do whatever it takes? Are you like the little lady with the issue of blood? She didn't care what others thought. She didn't care about people making fun of her. She went for "HIM" (the hem of Him). She expected Jesus to give her what she needed and He did. He will do the same for you today -

Expect and Receive.

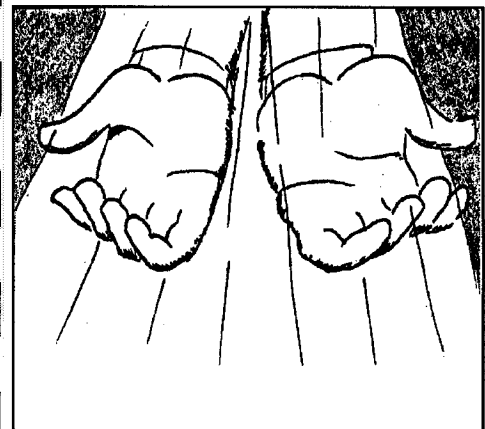
Give an altar call as led by the Spirit.



When God's Word is received
we know it will pop up in our lives.
30, 60, 100x's



4 different hearts - WAYSIDE,
STONY/HARD, THORNY and GOOD



You acted like a fool today.
Will you act that foolishly for God?
Expect and receive!
CHA - CHING!

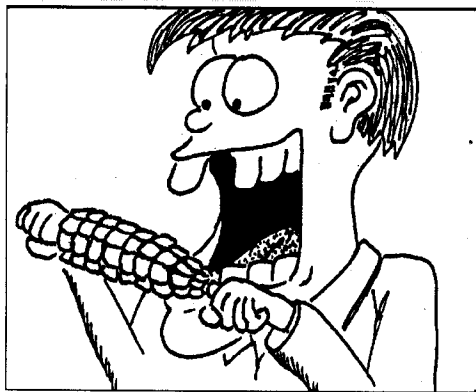
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"THE SOWER SOWS THE WORD"

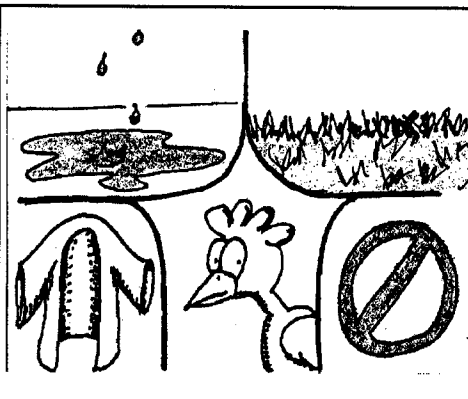
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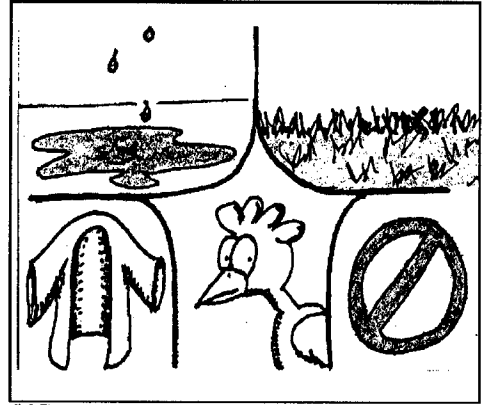
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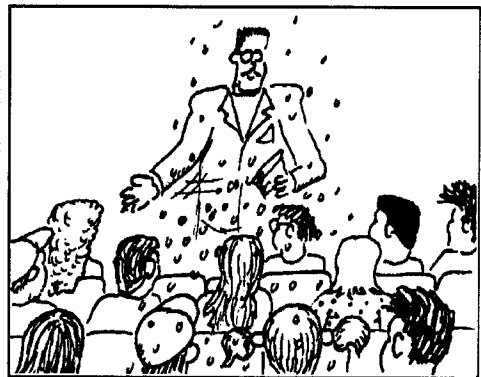
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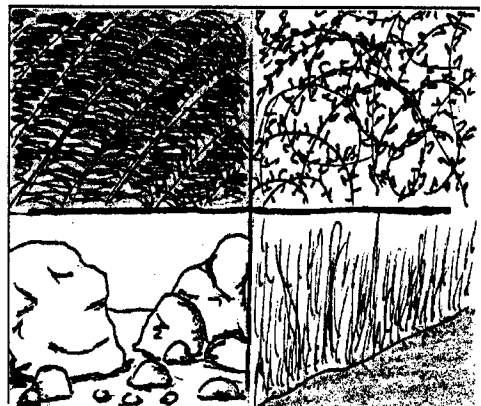
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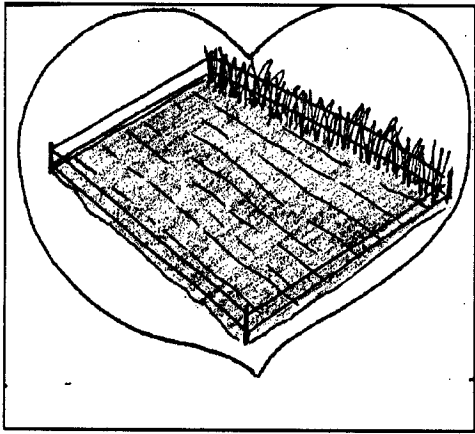
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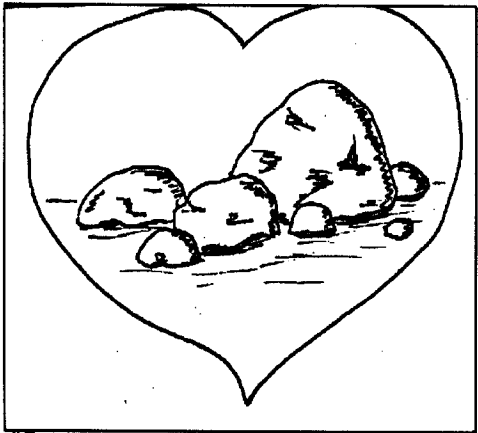
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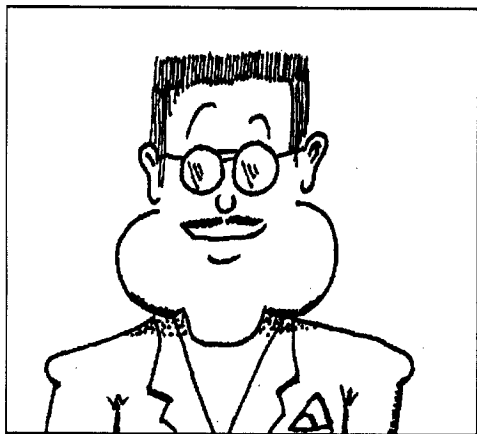
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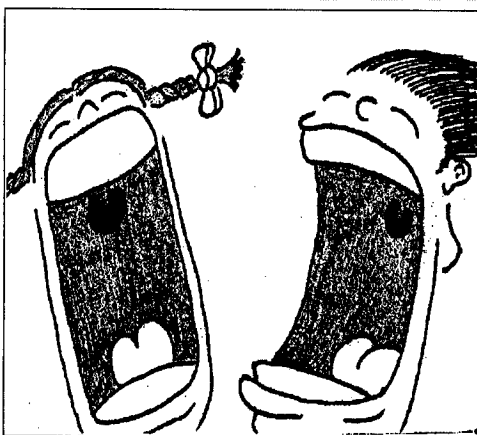
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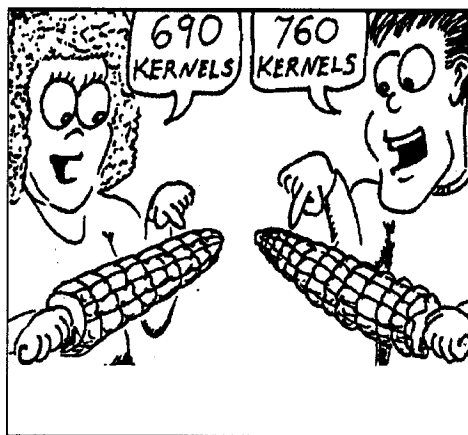
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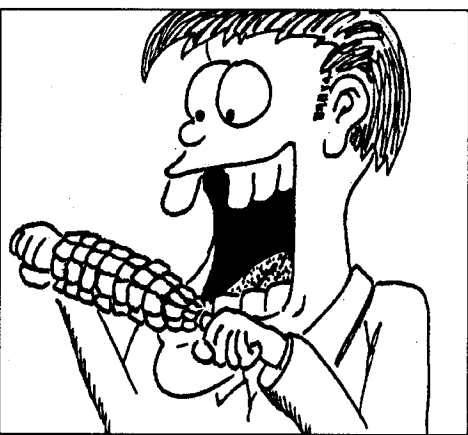
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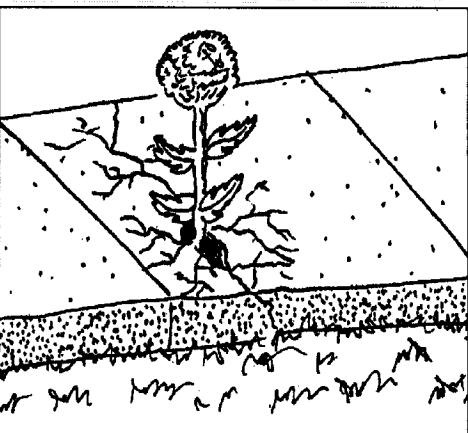
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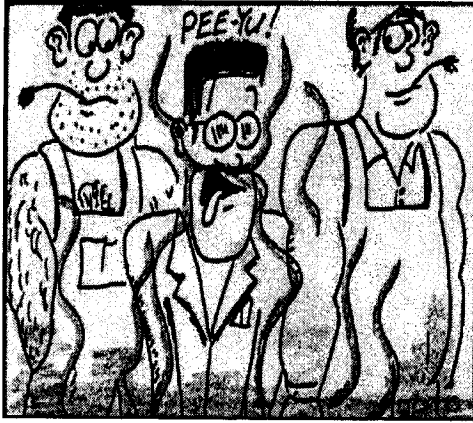
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#18 One seed can break a sidewalk. One Word of God can break through a hard heart.



#19 Richie Ray "thronged" in a



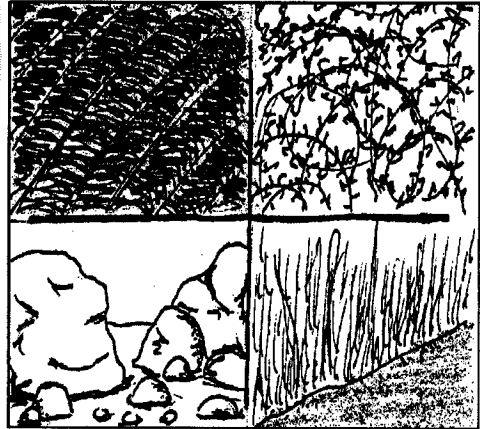
#20 The crowds thronged Jesus but one lady touched His hem and



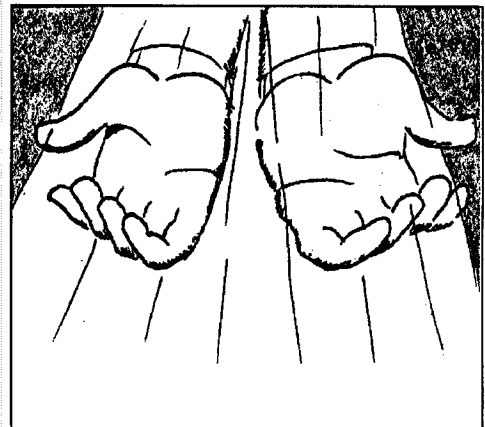
#21 Are you expecting?! Yeeesss!!



#22 When God's Word is received, we know it will pop up in our lives. 30, 60, 100x's



#23 4 different hearts - WAYSIDE, STONY/HARD, THORNY and GOOD



#24 You acted like a fool today. Will you act that foolishly for God? Expect and receive! CHA-CHING!