To parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned in Sunday school today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson. Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you.

What we learned:

Today, in our final lesson on the parable of the sower, we learned that those who hear the Good News and take it to heart can accept the free gift of salvation from Jesus Christ. We should live a productive life for our Lord. Please note that we cannot work our way into heaven, but if Jesus is the Lord of our lives we will want to live for Him. We will follow His rules and tell other people about Him. We won't be prefect, and we will still make mistakes, but we will try our best to live a life that is pleasing to God.

(Scripture used: Matthew 13:7-9, 23)

Memory Verse:

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Matthew 9:36-37 NIV

Practice looking this verse up in the Bible. Have a contest to see who can find the passage the fastest. Take turns reading the passage. Help your child recite the verse from memory.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:

After it gets dark, have the family sit around the dinner table. Place a single candle in the center of the table. Turn off all of the lights in the house and make it as dark as possible. Explain that darkness is all around us. Light the candle and explain how just a little light from the candle can chase away the darkness. Explain how the same thing is true with people's spiritual lives; God's light chases away the darkness of sin. As Christians we should share the light of God's good news with those around us.

Daily Prayer:

Dear Lord, we know that we are far from prefect. Help us lead a life that is pleasing to You. Let us keep Jesus before us, as the perfect example of how we are to live. Give us the courage, strength, and opportunity to share the good news of salvation with those around us. Amen.