

What Kind of Dirt Are You?

A puppet skit from

Growing in the Light

A Bouquet of Puppet Skits About Growing into
Everything *God Created You to Be!*

Message: We decide how God's word will grow in our hearts by the way we obey Him and follow His word.

Puppets: Two flower puppets.

Time: Approximately ten minutes.

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Daffo: Hey, Dill?

Dill: Hey, what?

Daffo: Hey, have you heard the story Jesus told about the farmer who went out to plant his seeds?

Dill: Did a farmer plant us?

Daffo: No.

Dill: Who planted us then?

Daffo: We were sewn in the factory.

Dill: We were planted in a factory?

Daffo: No. We were sewn together with a sewing machine.

Dill: Well sow means to plant something into the ground.

Daffo: Sow does mean to plant something like a seed, but sew also means to stitch something together, like to sew something with a needle and thread.

Dill: Two words that sound alike but have different meanings?

Daffo: Exactly.

Dill: So... what about him?

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Daffo: What about who?

Dill: The farmer!

Daffo: Oh, yeah. He went out one day to sow some seeds.

Dill: Did he stitch them together with a needle and thread?

Daffo: No silly, he planted them into the ground. Remember, sow means to plant. He sowed them into the soil.

Dill: I was just checking because we are flowers but we were sewn together in a factory instead of being sown into the ground as a seed. I am sow sew confused.

Daffo: Don't worry, you'll catch on.

Dill: Okay, so what happened?

Daffo: Well when the farmer went out to sow his seeds, some of the seed fell along the path and the birds came and ate them up.

Dill: Okay, now I am glad that I didn't come from a seed. Scary!

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Daffo: Other seeds fell on rocky places and sprouted up quickly because the soil was so shallow, but as soon as the sun came up it scorched the plants and they withered and died because they didn't have any roots.

Dill: Now I know that I am glad about being sewn in a factory instead of in the ground like a seed!

Daffo: Other seed fell among thorns.

Dill: Don't tell me!

Daffo: When the plants grew up, the thorns killed them.

Dill: Ouch! I am not sure I can take anymore of this. Speaking of thorns, what is your point?

Daffo: Well there was some other seeds that the farmer planted.

Dill: I am not sure that I want to know.

Daffo: The other seed the farmer planted fell into good fertile soil. It produced a lot more than the farmer even planted.

Dill: How much more?

Daffo: A hundred times, sixty times, or thirty times more than he planted!

Dill: WOW! That is amazing. But what does this all mean.

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Daffo: After Jesus finished telling his story to the crowd, He later told his disciples that whenever somebody hears the message about God's kingdom and does not understand it, the devil comes along and snatches the seed or the message that was sown into his heart. This is the seed that is sown along the path.

Dill: I get it. The message never makes it into their hearts, just like the seed never made it into the field.

Daffo: That's right! And the seed that fell in rocky places is like the person who receives the word of God with joy, but as soon as temptation or trouble comes along, they quickly turn away from God, because they have no root.

Dill: Even I know you have to be planted and rooted in God's word. You have to read your Bible, pray, and go to church to learn about Jesus as much as you can.

Daffo: You got it! And, the one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but worries so much about life that trying to get rich chokes out God's word in his life.

Dill: I'm beginning to see a pattern here.

Daffo: What's that?

Dill: People are really the soil, and the seed is God's word, and when we tell people about Jesus then we are planting God's word into them.

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Daffo: That's right, Dill, but everyone decides for themselves what kind of soil they will be.

Dill: I want to be good soil!

Daffo: Me too! Because the seed that falls into the good soil will produce sooo sooo much more than what was ever planted!

Dill: To be good soil, you have to accept God's word, and be planted deep in it.

Daffo: By reading your Bible, praying, and going to church, you learn about God and learn to trust Him to meet all your needs.

Dill: You will learn what He wants from you, and you will be able to do what is right even in hard situations.

Daffo: Because your roots will be planted deep in God's word!

Dill: *(address the audience)* So, what kind of soil are you?

Daffo: Remember, it is up to you to decide!

Dill: What kind of dirt do you want to be?

Daffo & Dill: Happy sowing! *(exit)*