

Collective Worship



Theme: Racial Justice

Leader's Notes

The following CW plan is designed to engage the school community in some of the themes discussed. The Parable of the Sower is used to promote personal and spiritual reflection upon our own stand to racism and discrimination.

This CW plan uses a GERS structure: Gather, Engage, Reflect, Send and it is based on ideas from the Diocese of St Albans, to whom we are grateful.



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Gather

We light a candle. For those that wish to, you can join in with the following prayer:

'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you'.



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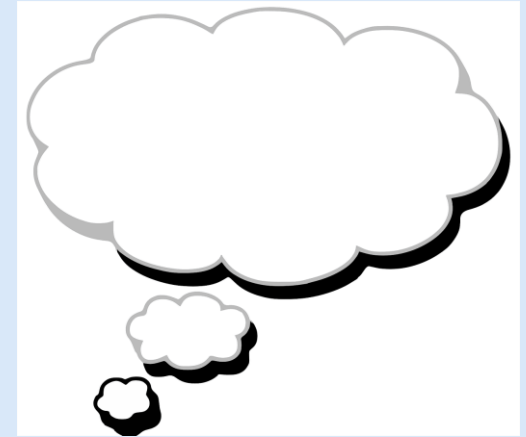
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Engage

You may have heard of the word 'racism'.

Racism is treating someone unfairly because of the colour of their skin, their culture, where they were born and/or where they live. This unfairness might show in:

- **Thinking** that those with a certain skin colour and/or background are better than others
- **Treating** others unpleasantly because of their skin colour and/or background

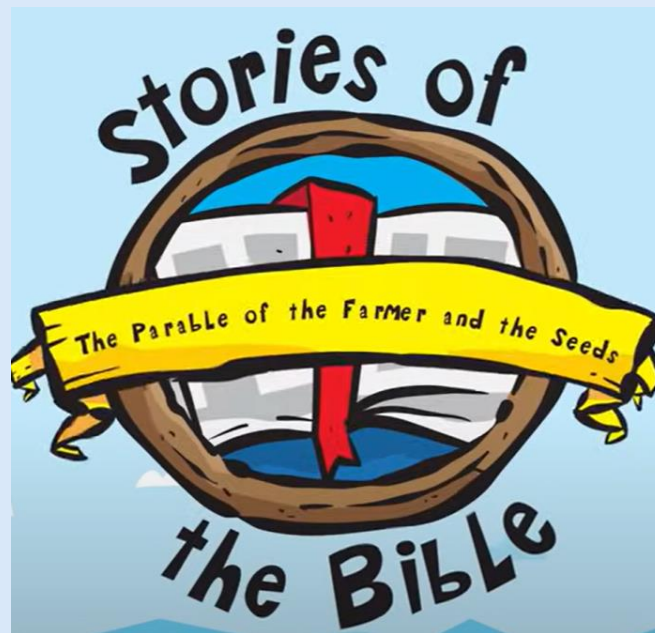


Engage

We're going to hear a story from the Bible that Jesus told to his followers – the **Parable of the Sower**.

<https://tinyurl.com/mpamyhwd>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZEO_Ls2ERs



Engage

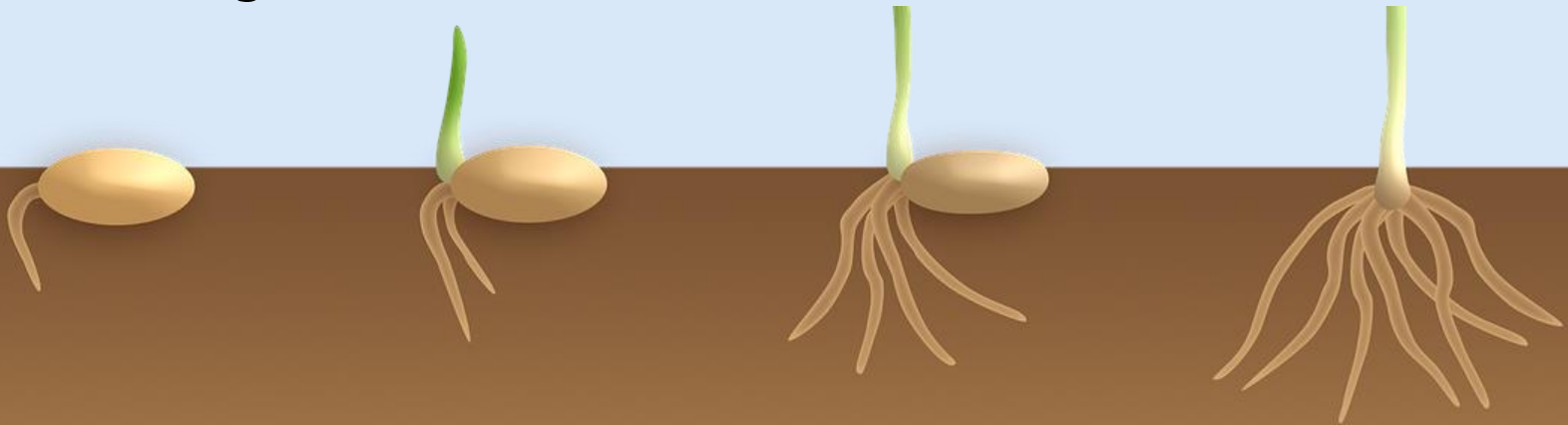
Which seed are you?

The seeds that fall on the path. These people hear about racism but do nothing.

The seeds that fall on rocky places with little soil. They are keen to fight racism at first but after a while, they fall away and do nothing.

The seeds that fall among the thorns. They want to be anti-racist, but they listen to other people telling them not to be.

The seeds which fall on good soil. These people are committed to being actively anti-racist so that all can thrive.



Respond

**I wonder what type of 'seed' you would like to be?
Why?**

Invite the school community to take a moment to reflect.

Thank you for your reflections. I wonder how we can bring about a world where all can say 'I thrive here'.



Respond

You may wish to join in and say amen at the end.

Living God, draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit, make us sharers of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live your
love and be 'seeds' who work for a fairer, more loving
world. **Amen.**



Send

Listen to this song. It has people from around the world singing in many different languages.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d48-qbcovVY>

