

Parable of the Growing Seed

A man throws seed on the land.

Night and day, while he sleeps,



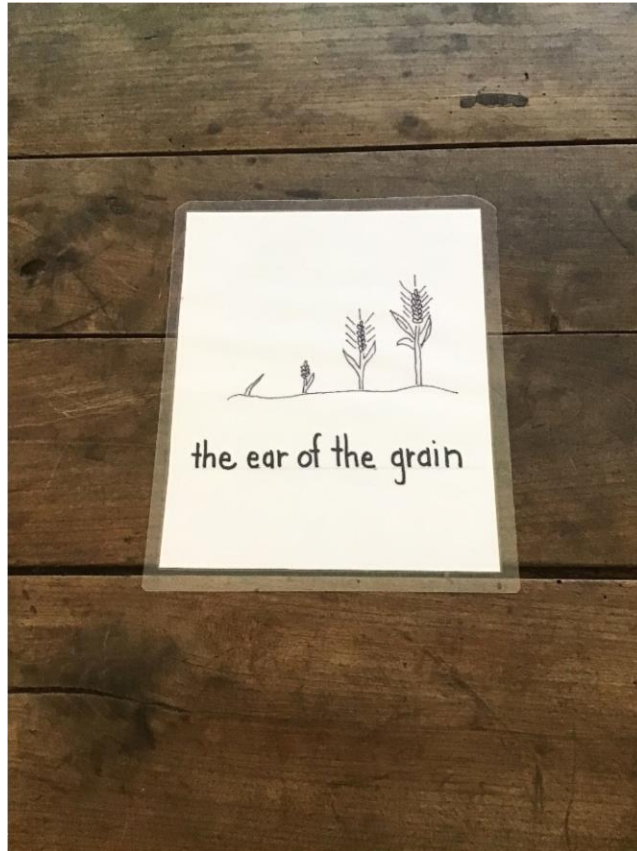
and when he is awake, the seed is sprouting...

and growing;



And when the crop is ready, he loses no time;

He starts to reap because the harvest has come.



In the time of Jesus, that's how people planted, they scattered seed on the ground. Jesus used the seed in parables many times. Remember the mustard seed? How tiny it was and how it grew into a huge shrub?

What happens in this story?

Does it happen quickly?

Does the man cause the growth? Does it stop when he sleeps?

I wonder what made the seed grow?

When was the seed harvested? I wonder how the man felt then?

I wonder how this might be like the kingdom of God? What could Jesus be trying to tell us?

What might we say to Jesus after hearing this story?

