



LIGHT

of the

WORLD

Learning English through the Bible

Unit A2-37



Pray, Review, and Preview

Bible Readings: Jesus Teaches with Stories – [Mark 4:1-20](#), [Matthew 13:31-46](#), [Luke 13:18-21](#), [Luke 18:9-14](#)

Theme: Natural World

Pronunciation: /**O**/ spelled with **o** in an open syllable and /**z**/ spelled **z**

Grammar: Similes with "like" and "as...as"

What do you see?





The Natural World



Papa Ato and his daughter Aba walk slowly through their farm. They are both carefully watching the ground because of the **rocks** and **thorns** along the **path**. Aba looks up and spots a **mouse** eating the maize.

“Look, Papa!” she exclaims. “**Mice** are pests. They eat the **grain** or dig up the **roots** in the **soil** and destroy the plant.”

“Don’t worry,” Papa Ato said. “The Lord provides plenty of **grain** for the **mice**, the birds, and all of us.”



Match the beginning and end of each sentence.

1. A **path** is like



2. An **island** is land surrounded

3. Cows and sheep like to

4. A **mouse** is a small animal, but it can cause



A. eat **grass**.



B. a small road for walking.

C. a lot of damage. The plural form of the word is **mice**.

D. by water on all sides.





Match the beginning and end of each sentence.

5. The **shore** is the land

E. are made of hard **rock**.

6. Rice, oats, and wheat

F. deep **roots** that grow underground.

7. The tree has



G. are kinds of **grain**.



8. Mountains and cliffs



H. next to water.





Match the beginning and end of each sentence.

9. We plant seeds

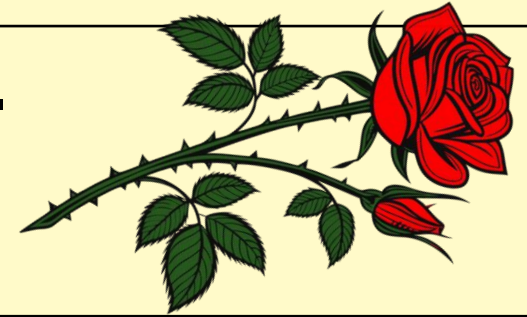


10. Roses are flowers with

11. **Sand** covers the ground

12. The smoke from the car

I. sharp **thorns**.



J. in the **soil**.

K. **pollutes** the air.



L. in the desert.





Similes with "as...as"

	Subject + Verb	+ As + Adjective + As	+ Noun
1	He sounds	as quiet as	a mouse.
2	You are	as gentle as	doves.
3	It feels	as light as	a feather.
4	He is	as wise as	King Solomon.
5			
6			
7			



Similes with “like”

	Subject + Verb	+ Like	+ Noun
1	The kingdom of heaven is	like	a mustard seed.
2	The kingdom of heaven is	like	a treasure.
3	Pleasant words are	like	a honeycomb.
4	He roars	like	a lion.
5			
6			
7			

Use similes to explain unknown words.

	Question	Simile
1	What is a giraffe?	It's like a camel with a long neck and spots.
2	What's a tortilla?	It's like bread that's as thin as paper.
3	What's a zebra?	
4	What's a mouse?	
5		
6		
7		





Underline the similes in these verses:

Isaiah 40:31 NIRV – But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly **as** high **as** eagles.

Psalms 1:3 NIRV – That kind of person is like a tree that is planted near a stream of water. It always bears its fruit at the right time.

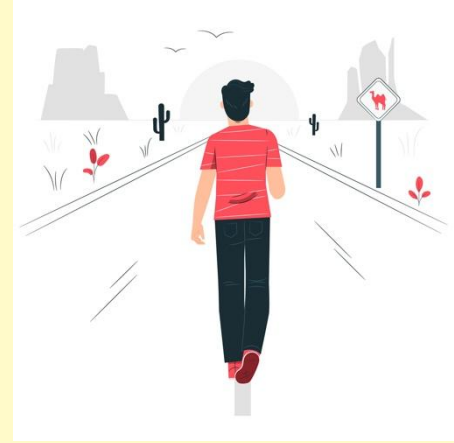
Matthew 10:16 NIRV – I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. So be as wise as snakes and as harmless as doves.

Matthew 28:3 ERV - The angel was shining as bright as lightning. His clothes were as white as snow.

1 Peter 1:24 NIRV - It is written, "All people are like grass. All their glory is like the flowers in the field. The grass dries up. The flowers fall to the ground."



Listen and repeat.



A. Where are you going **this weekend?**

B. I'm going to **an island** to **do some walking.**

A. What **is the island** like?

B. It has **paths with grass near the shore.** What are you doing?

A. I'm going to **get my hands in the soil and plant roses.**

B. What **are your roses** like?

A. The **thorns are sharp but the roses smell as sweet as perfume.**



Listen and repeat.

1. /O/	2. /z/	3. Challenge
open	zero	
over	lazy	
ago	zoo	
solo	quiz	
no	Zambia	
also	zebra	

4. I am flying solo over to Zambia.

5. I received a zero on the quiz a week ago.



Listen and repeat.

A. —	B. — _	C. _ —
mice	teaching	pollute
grain	farmer	receive
sand	island	confused
roots	over	vaccine

Read [Matthew 13:31-46](#);
[Mark 4:26-34](#); [Luke 13:18-21](#); [18:9-14](#) in your
language. Then read **Jesus
Teaches with Stories.**

One day, Jesus was near the shore
of the lake.

He was teaching a very large crowd of people. So many people
came to hear him that Jesus did not have enough room to
speak to them all. So, he got into a boat on the water. There he
sat and taught the people.





Jesus told this story. “A farmer went out to plant some seed. As he was spreading the seed by hand, some of the seed fell on the path. But birds came and ate all of that seed.”



“Other seed fell on rock, where there was very little soil. The seed on the rocky ground sprouted quickly, but its roots were not able to go deep into the soil. When the sun came up and it got hot, the plants dried out and died.”

“Still other seed fell among thorn bushes. This seed began to grow, but the thorns choked it out. So, the plants that grew from the seed in the thorny ground did not produce any grain.”




“Other seed fell into good soil. This seed grew up and produced 30, 60, or even 100 times as much grain as the seed that had been planted. Whoever wants to follow God, let him pay attention to what I am saying!”

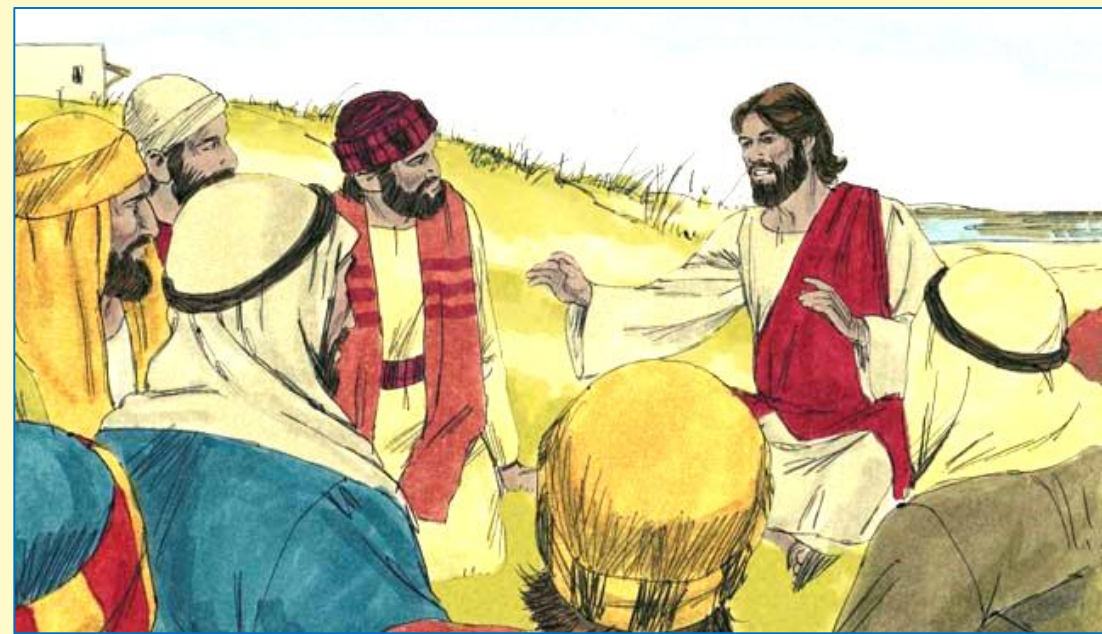


This story confused the disciples. So, Jesus explained, “The seed is the word of God. The path is a person who hears God’s word but does not understand it. Then the devil takes the word away from him. That is, the devil keeps him from understanding it.”



“The rocky ground is a person who hears God’s word and accepts it with joy. But when he suffers hardships, or when other people make him suffer, he falls away from God. That is, he stops trusting in God.”

 The thorny ground is like a person who hears God's word. But he begins to worry about many things, and he tries to make a lot of money, and he tries to get many things. After some time, he is not able to love God any longer.



So, what he learned from God's word does not make him able to please God. He is like wheat stalks that do not produce any grain."

"But the seed in the good soil is a person who hears the word of God, believes it, and produces fruit."



Jesus told many other stories about the kingdom of God. For example, he said, “The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that someone planted in his field.”



“You know that the mustard seed is the smallest seed of all. But when the mustard seed grows, it becomes the largest of all the garden plants, big enough that even the birds come and rest in its branches.”



Telling another story, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is like yeast that a woman mixes into some bread dough until it spreads throughout the dough.”

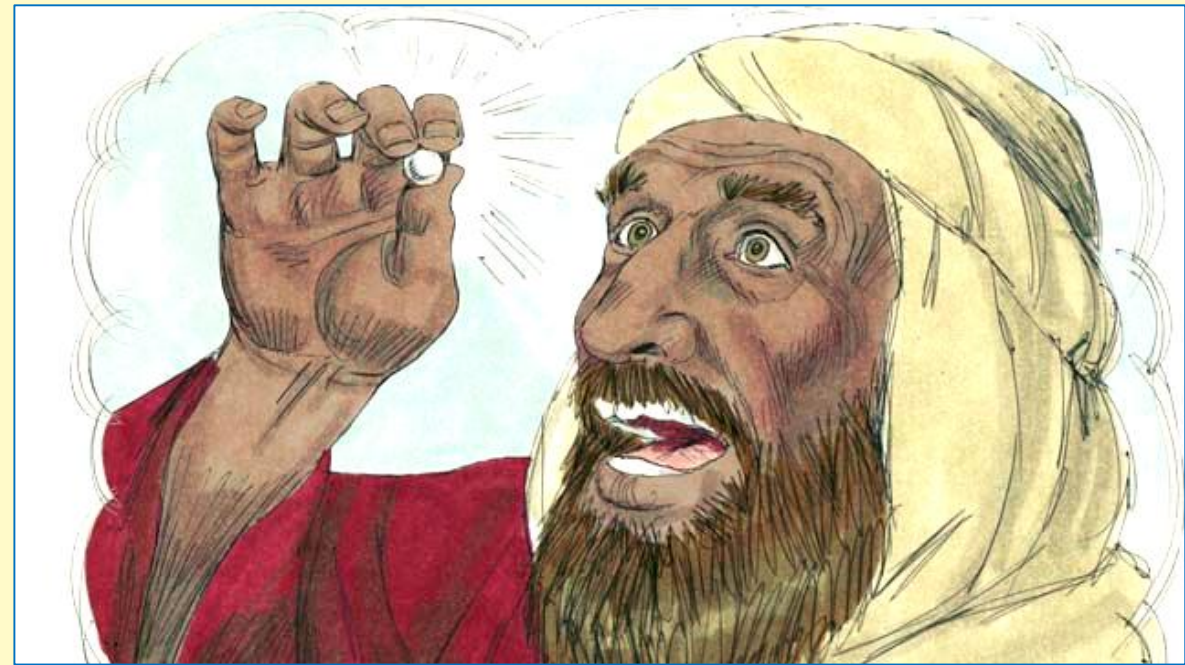


“The kingdom of God is also like treasure that someone hid in a field. When a man found the treasure he wanted it very much. So, he buried it again. He was so filled with joy that he went and sold everything he had so he could buy that field where the treasure was.”






“The kingdom of God is also like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found a perfect pearl of great value he sold everything he had, so he could buy it.”



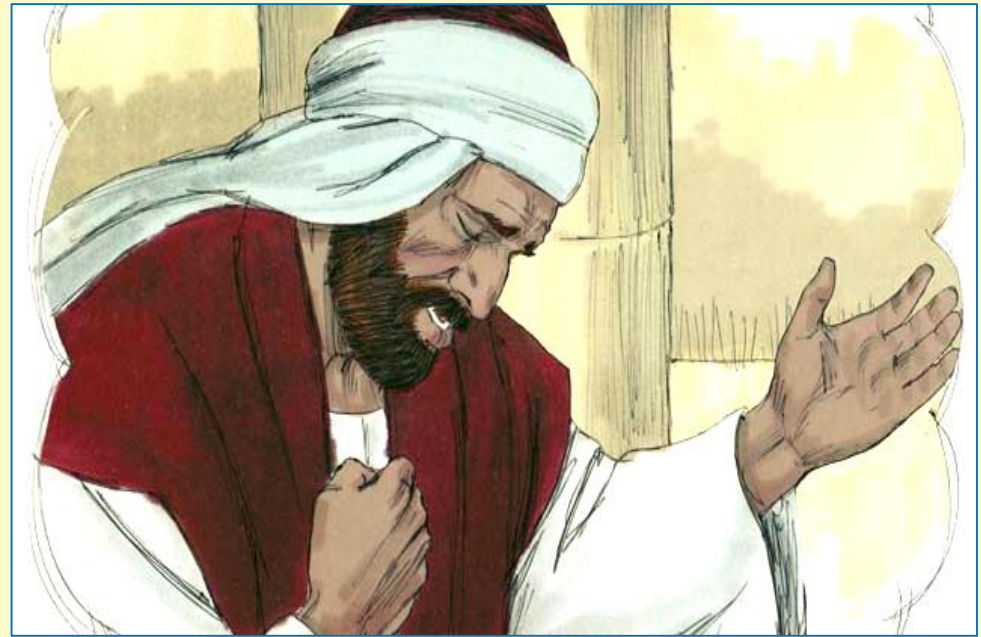
“There were some people who thought they were very good. They thought God would accept them because they did good things. These people hated others who did not do those good things.”



“One day a religious leader and a tax collector went to the Temple to pray. The religious leader prayed, ‘Thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like other men—such as robbers, adulterers, or even like that tax collector over there. For example, I fast two times every week and I give you ten percent of all the money that I receive.’”



“But the tax collector stood far away from the religious leader. He did not even look up to heaven. Instead, he pounded on his chest with his fist and prayed, ‘God, please have mercy on me because I am a sinner.’”



Then Jesus said, “I tell you. God heard the tax collector’s prayer and made him right with God, rather than the religious leader. God will dishonor everyone who is proud, but he will honor whoever humbles himself.”



Answer the questions.

1. What are the 4 kinds of ground the seeds fell on?
2. Why did Jesus have to explain the story to the disciples?
3. What did Jesus say the seeds were like?
4. Why is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed?
5. Why were the tax collector's prayers right and the religious man's prayers not right?
6. How does God want us to pray?



Listen and answer the questions.

1. What will happen at 3:00?
2. Who can enter the zoo before 3:00?
3. Are zebras lazy?
4. Where do zebras live?
5. How long can zebras live?
6. Where do most people see zebras?





Role Play A - Customer

A: Hello, how much do you charge to work in a garden?

B: It depends on the type of work. Do you need **branches cut**?

Garden Work Needed		Cost
A	Weeds pulled - about 3 hours	
B	100 square foot path repaved	
C	Roots removed - about 2 hours	
D	Soil tilled - about 1 hour	
E	Grass mowed - about 1 hour	
F	Six 20-pound rocks removed	
Total Cost		\$



Role Play B – Garden Worker

A: Hello, how much do you charge to work in a garden?

B: It depends on the type of work. Do you need **branches cut**?

Work	Price	Work	Price
Branches cut	\$5 per branch	Fruit picked	\$20 per hour
Seeds planted	\$23 per hour	Weeds pulled	\$20 per hour
Rocks removed	\$2 per pound	Path repaved	\$10 per square foot
Leaves raked	\$21 per hour	Tree roots removed	\$30 per hour
Bushes trimmed	\$22 per hour	Soil tilled	\$25 per hour
Grass cut	\$25 per hour	Plants watered	\$15 per hour



Song: God's Fruit Will Grow

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The farmer goes out to plant his seed,
He scatters it all around.
It falls on the path, in the rocks and the weeds,
On four different types of ground.

Some seeds will fall upon the path
Where the birds come devour every one
On the rocky soil the seeds begin to grow,
But they wither in the heat of the sun

Some seeds will fall among the thorns
Where they're choked so the fruit will never come
But where the seeds fall upon the fertile soil
A harvest of new grain has begun

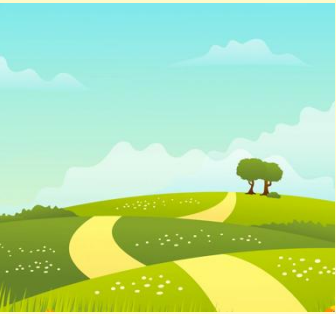

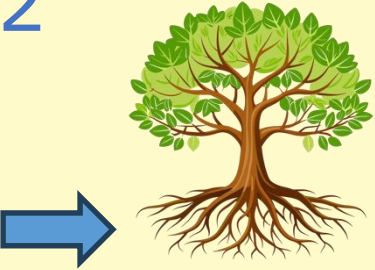



And when we hear his words of love
Receive the truth sown from above
The seed will take root – and God's fruit will grow
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Chorus




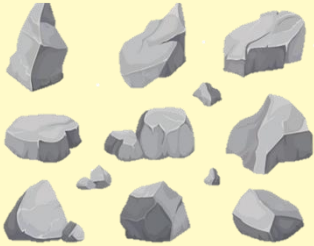


**The seed is the word of God that's
sown
On hearts like the fertile soil or
hardened like stone
But when we hear his words of love
Receive the truth sown from above
The seed will take root, and God's
fruit will grow**



1A. Write about the pictures using **As...As** similes.

<p>1</p> 	<p>The path was as curvy as a winding river.</p>	<p>4</p> 	
<p>2</p> 		<p>5</p> 	
<p>3</p> 		<p>6</p> 	

1B. Write about the pictures using Like similes.

7 		10 	
8 		11 	
9 		12 	



2. Complete the charts with your own similes using **like** and **as...as**.

My heart is like	a drum.
Our class is like	
My life feels like	
My faith is like	
	the sea.

We run	as slow as	turtles.
	as cold as	
	as smart as	
	as light as	
	as sweet as	
I feel		
		the moon.



3. Write questions and ask your partner.

Questions	Answers
1. Where are Zambia and Zimbabwe ?	They are in Africa.
2. Do you like mustard on _____	
3. Do you like to work _____	
4. Which grain do you _____	
5. What plants do you _____	
6. What kind of pollution _____	
7. What color is the soil in _____	



4. Match the words and say the sentences with the /o/ and /z/ sounds.

over	graze	Zambia	a zebra	a zoo	solo
buzz	open	Brazil	an ocean	photo	polite

A.	Solo	means alone.
B.		is a country in South America.
C.		is a country in southern Africa.
D.		is like a big sea.
E.		is the opposite of closed.
F.		is like a horse with stripes.



5. Answer the questions about the Bible reading.

1. What things did Jesus use to describe God's kingdom?
2. What did Jesus say about the rocky soil?
3. Why was the tax collector's prayer better than the rich ruler's prayer?
4. What is something you want so much that you would sell everything to get it?



6A. Choose one verse to memorize.

A “But God has blessed you. You understand what you see with your eyes. And you understand what you hear with your ears.” [Matthew 13:16 ERV](#)

B “And what about the seed that fell on the good ground? That is like the people who hear God’s teaching with a good, honest heart. They obey it and patiently produce a good crop.” [Luke 8:15 ERV](#)



6B. Choose one verse to memorize and read the next verses.

C “God’s kingdom is like the seed of the mustard plant. Someone plants this seed in their garden. The seed grows and becomes a tree, and the birds build nests on its branches.”

[Luke 13:19](#) ERV

Read the next lesson’s Bible verses in your language.

[Luke 15:1-32](#)



7A. Read and answer the questions.



Whales and Fish



Whales and fish both live in water. There are other ways that they are similar, but there are big differences, too.

Most whales live only in ocean water, but fish live in both freshwater and saltwater. Whales are among the largest animals on Earth, and some fish are among the smallest. You will not find many fish that are as big as whales, or even close.

One way that fish are like whales is that both have fins and a tail. This helps them to swim and stay upright. The sei whale can swim up to thirty-four miles per hour, but gray whales are not as fast. Their top speed is about six miles per hour.



7B(cont.). **Read and answer the questions on the next slide.**



Swordfish are the fastest fish. They can swim at sixty miles per hour. In contrast, herrings swim at only three miles per hour.

Whales are mammals, which means that they are warm-blooded like humans. Fish, on the other hand, are usually cold-blooded like snakes. That means that their body temperature changes to match the surrounding water.

Fish and whales are both created for living in the water. They are interesting creatures and fun to watch. If you live near the water, try to find time to look for them.



7C. Answer the questions about the article.

1. What kind of water do whales and fish live in?
2. How do fins and a tail help whales and fish?
3. How fast can sei whales swim?
4. What kind of fish do you like to eat?
5. Would you like to live near the shore of a river, lake, or sea? Why?



9. Now I Can...

- I can talk about things in the world of nature.
- I can understand, say, read, and write _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- I can use “like” and “as...as” to compare different things.
- I can understand Jesus’ parable about a farmer.
- I can understand how God’s word is like a seed.



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