

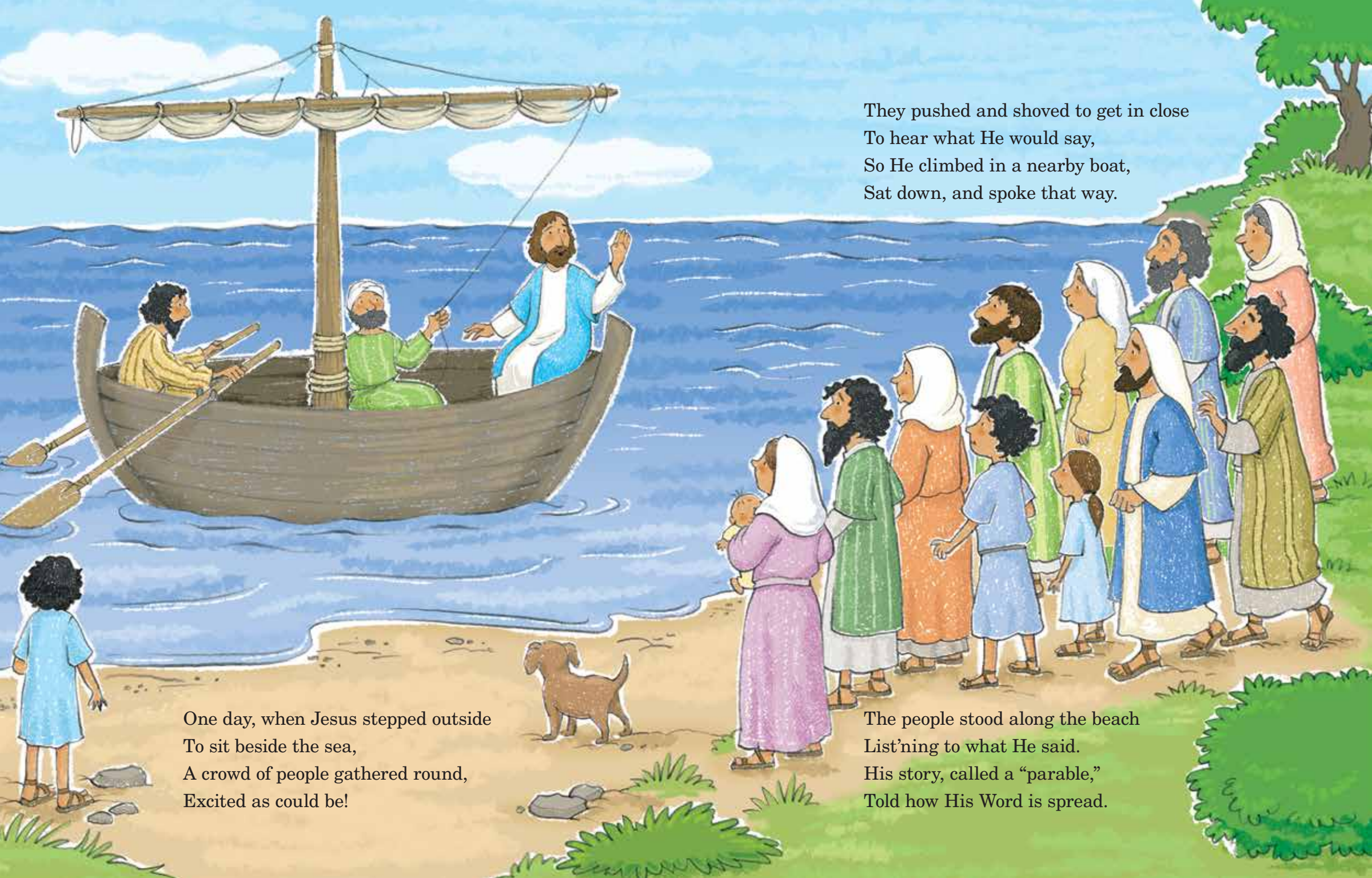


# The Parable of the Seeds

**Matthew 13:1–23; Mark 4:1–20; and Luke 8:4–15  
for children**

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They pushed and shoved to get in close  
To hear what He would say,  
So He climbed in a nearby boat,  
Sat down, and spoke that way.

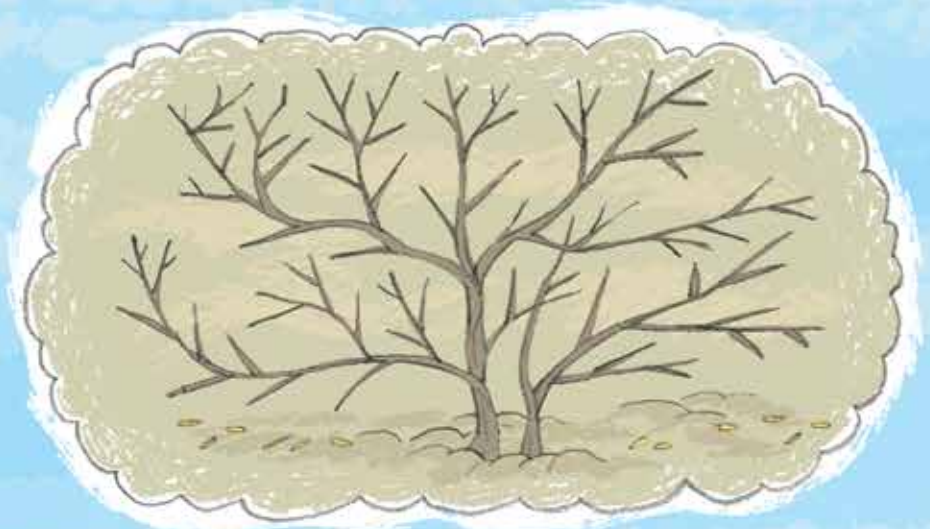
One day, when Jesus stepped outside  
To sit beside the sea,  
A crowd of people gathered round,  
Excited as could be!

The people stood along the beach  
List'ning to what He said.  
His story, called a "parable,"  
Told how His Word is spread.





“The seeds that dropped along the path  
Are like words people hear.  
But if they do not understand,  
The words soon disappear.



“The seeds that bounced on rocky ground  
Or tumbled to the weeds  
Are words that folks hear and forget,  
Choked out by their own needs.

“The sower speaks the Word of God,”  
Jesus quickly replied.  
“Just like the seeds fell everywhere,  
God’s Word goes far and wide.