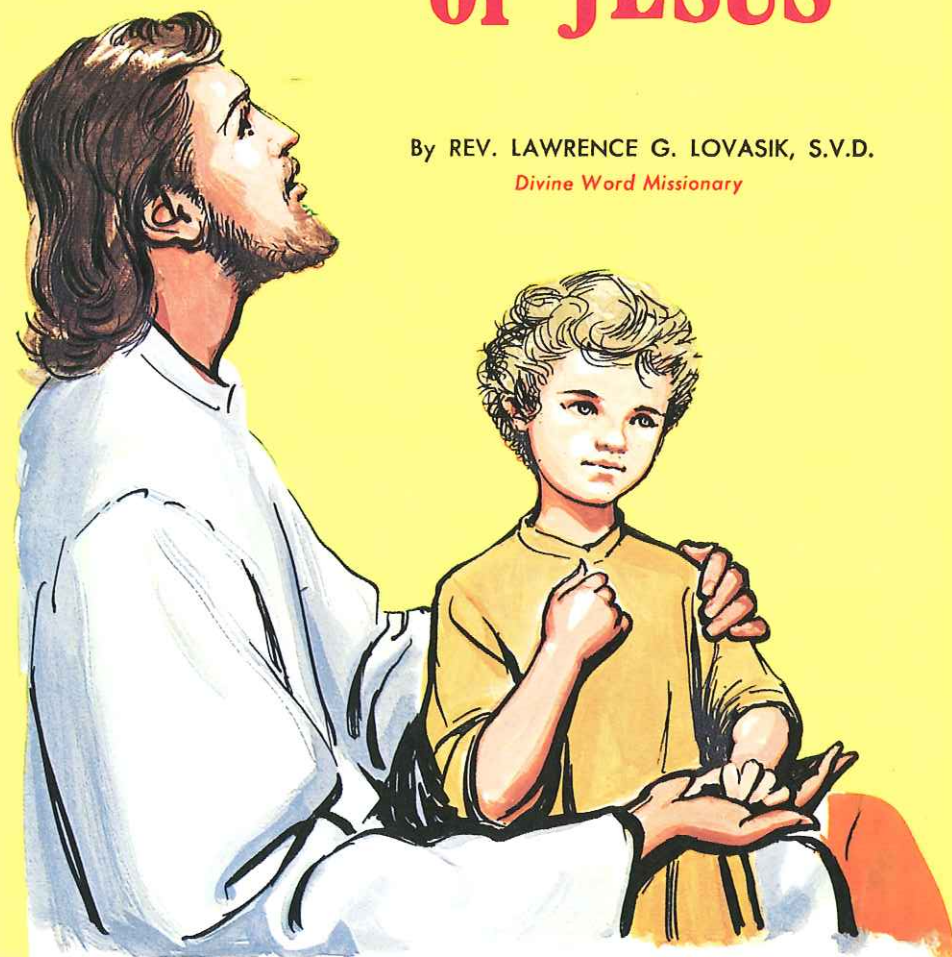


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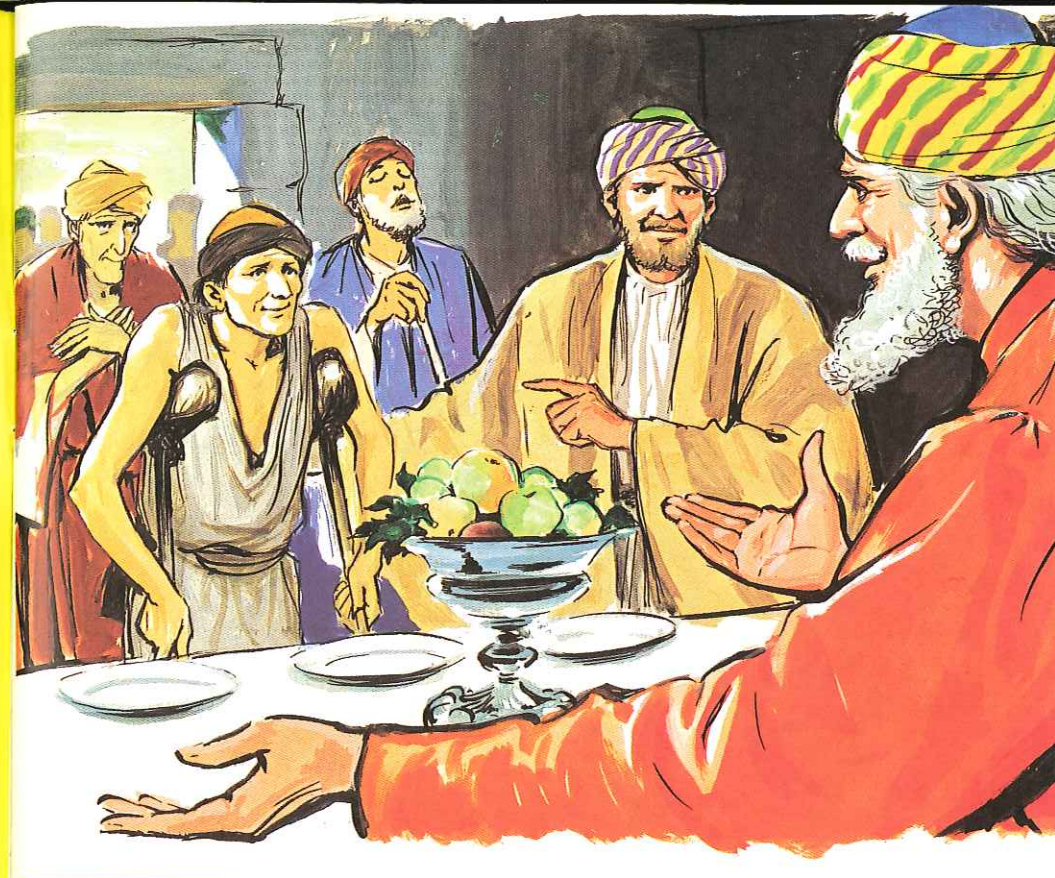
THE GREAT FEAST

THERE was once a man who was giving a great feast to which he invited many people. He sent his servant to tell his guests: "Come, everything is ready!" But they all began to make excuses.

The servant went back and told this to his master.

The master was very angry and said to the servant: "Hurry out to the streets and alleys of the town, and bring back the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."

But there was still room for more. So the Master said to the servant: "Go out to the country roads and lanes and make people come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you all that none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner."



God calls all of us to His heavenly kingdom, which is the great feast He has prepared for us. He sends His priests to invite us. He also invites us to the feast of Holy Communion, but many people do not listen. We must be sure that we obey God when He calls us through His grace. We may lose our souls if we refuse.

THE SOWER

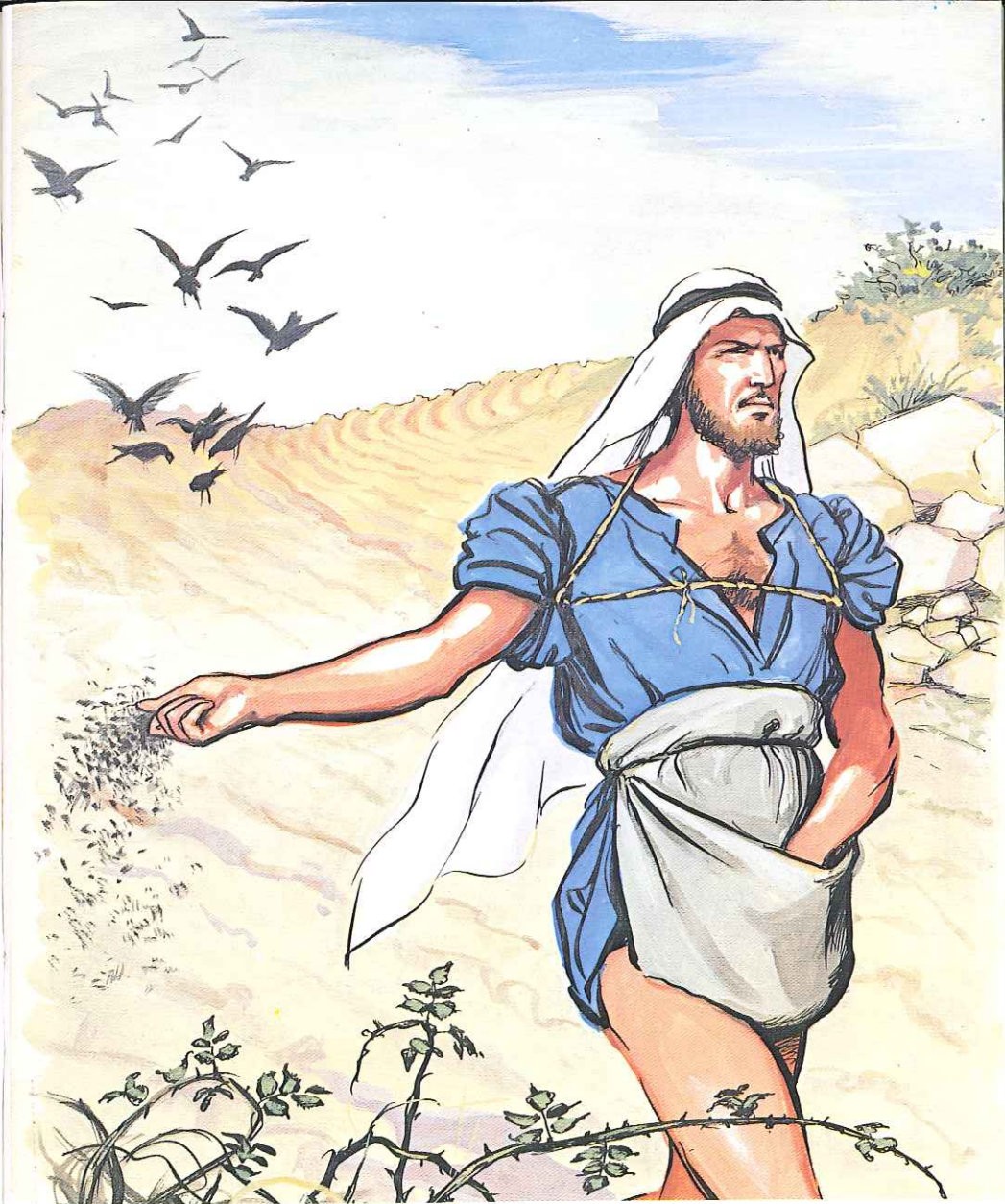
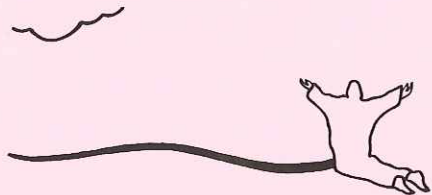
ONCE there was a sower who went out and sowed seed. Some seeds fell by the side of the road, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell upon rocky ground. When they began to grow they did not have enough soil and quickly died.

Still other seeds fell among thorns. As the plants grew, they were choked by the thorns.

But some of the seeds fell upon good ground. These sprang up and grew, and brought forth much fruit.

Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God which He sows in our hearts. If we receive that Word with joy it will bear much fruit in our lives.



The sower sows his seed.