

THE SOWER

SEEDS

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FOCUS

MATTHEW 13:3-4 & 20-23

God's word is like a seed! Jesus told a parable that explained four different ways seeds are planted in our hearts!

MATERIALS

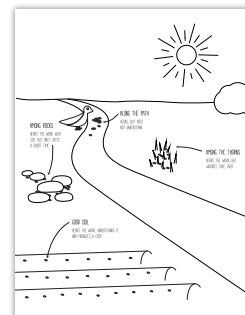
The Sower picture (1 per child)
1 cup/pot for each flower (rocky, thorny and good soil)
Heart and seeds (1 set per child)
Bird hand puppet
1 rocky flower (1 per child)
1 thorny flower and 2 signs (1 per child)
1 good soil flower and 3 signs (1 per child)
Crayons, scissors, glue and tape

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Jesus told a parable of a farmer who went out to plant seeds. Some seed fell along the path, some seed fell among rocks, some among thorns and others on good soil.

ACTIVITY: While your Tiny Arrow is coloring, point out each section.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

THEN HE TOLD THEM MANY THINGS IN PARABLES, SAYING: "A FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED."

MATTHEW 13:3

2. SEED ALONG THE PATH

TALK: The seeds along the path are when we hear God's word, but do not understand it. His word is taken away from our heart and does not grow.

ACTIVITY: Color the bird hand puppet, heart and seeds. Then have your Tiny Arrow try to place the seeds on top of the heart, while you quickly snatch them away with the bird puppet.



AS HE WAS GETTING THE SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND ATE IT UP.

MATTHEW 13:4

ACTIVITIES

3. SEED AMONG THE ROCKS

TALK: The seeds among the rocks are when we hear God's word and are joyful about it. But when trouble or persecution comes because of it, we do not last long and fall away from what God told us. Our joy only lasts a short time because we have no root in the rocky ground.

ACTIVITY: Paint the Popsicle stick flower stem, then tape on the flower head. Put plant under a lamp and gently push the petals so they are facing downward and look like they have drooped.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

THE SEED FALLING ON ROCKY GROUND REFERS TO SOMEONE WHO HEARS THE WORD AND AT ONCE RECEIVES IT WITH JOY. BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT, THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY.

MATTHEW 13:20-21

4. SEED AMONG THE THORNS

TALK: The seed among the thorns is when we hear God's word and do not quite understand it. There are always thorns poking us, making us grow crooked and angled and we do not bear any fruit. The thorns are when we let worry and wealth distract us from God's purpose and do not do anything worthy of the kingdom.

ACTIVITY: Paint the popsicle stick flower stem, then tape on the flower head. Color the signs that say *Worry* and *Deceitfulness of Wealth* then tape them onto the popsicle sticks and place them on either side of the flower.



THE SEED FALLING AMONG THE THORNS REFERS TO SOMEONE WHO HEARS THE WORD, BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH CHOKED THE WORD, MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL.

MATTHEW 13:22

5. SEED ON GOOD SOIL

TALK: The seed on good soil is when we hear God's word and understand it. Since we have nothing distracting us from it, we can tell others God's word and plant seeds of our own! We tell 30 people and they grow! We tell 60 people and they grow! We even tell 100 people and they grow too!

ACTIVITY: Paint the popsicle stick flower stem, then tape on the flower head. Color the signs of 30, 60 and 100 flowers then tape them to their own popsicle stick and place them around the flower.

BONUS: Sing "God's Seeds" song while children are coloring.

OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

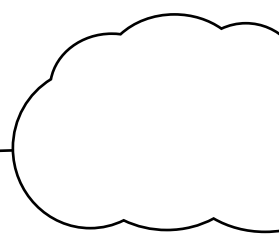
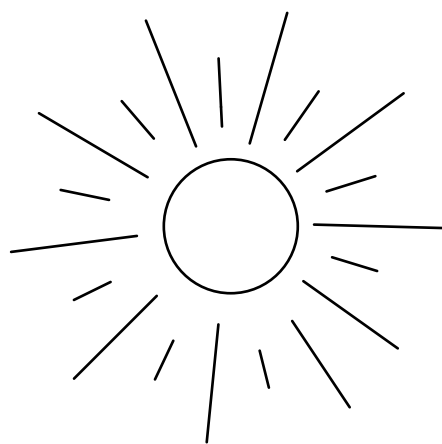


BUT THE SEED FALLING ON GOOD SOIL REFERS TO SOMEONE WHO HEARS THE WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT. THIS IS THE ONE WHO PRODUCES A CROP, YIELDING A HUNDRED, SIXTY OR THIRTY TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN.

MATTHEW 13:23

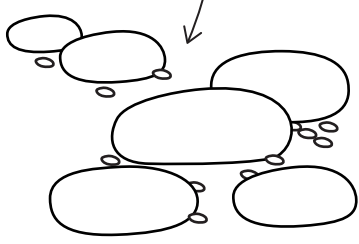
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MATTHEW 13:23



AMONG ROCKS

HEARS THE WORD WITH JOY, BUT ONLY LASTS A SHORT TIME



ALONG THE PATH

HEARS, BUT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND

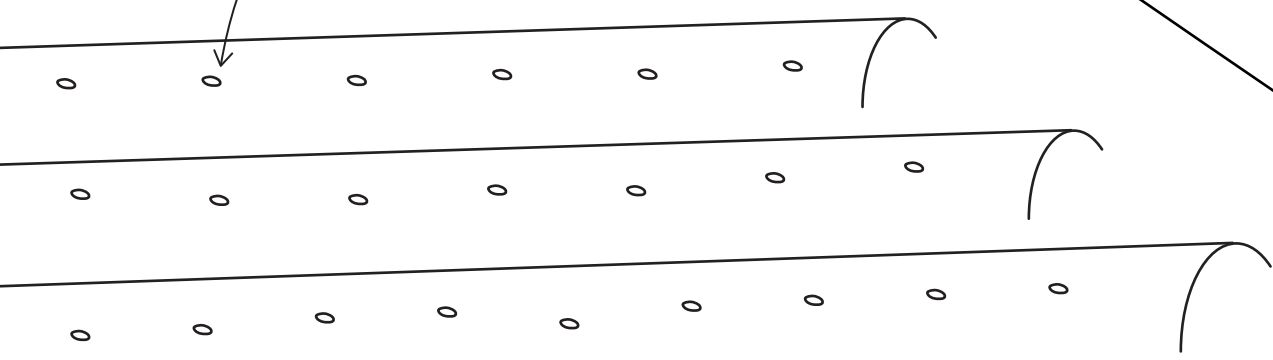


AMONG THE THORNS

HEARS THE WORD, BUT WORRIES TAKE OVER

GOOD SOIL

HEARS THE WORD, UNDERSTANDS IT, AND PRODUCES A CROP

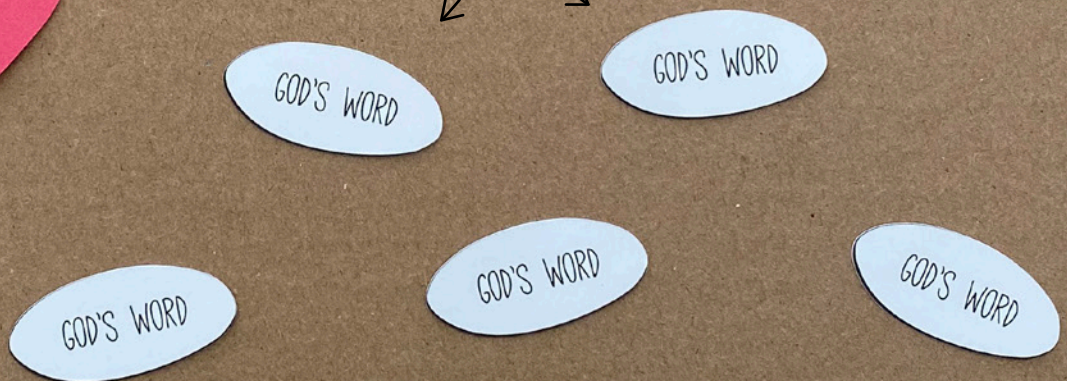
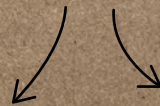


HEART & SEEDS

USE TEMPLATE TO CUT OUT HEART
(MAKE 4 TOTAL)

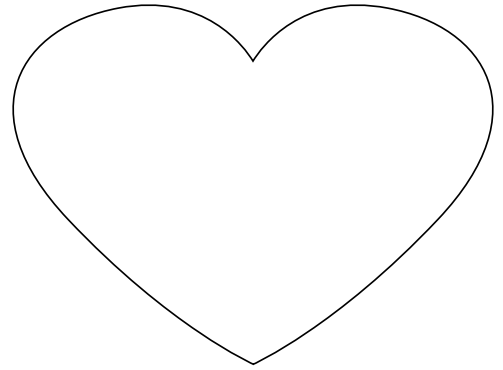
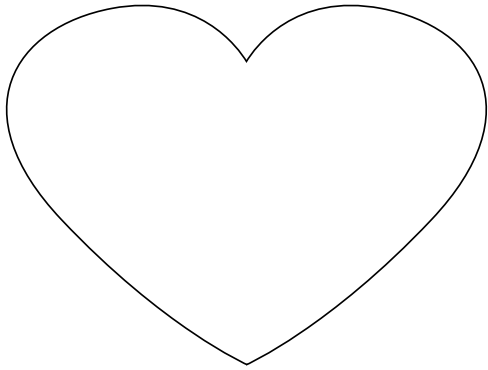
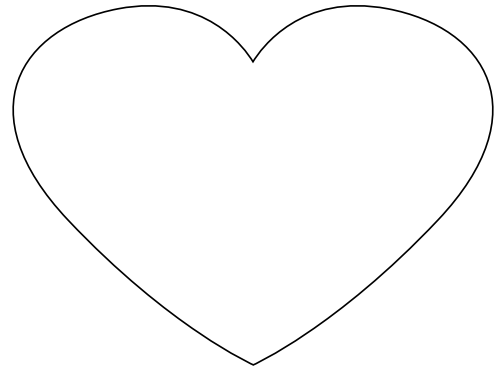
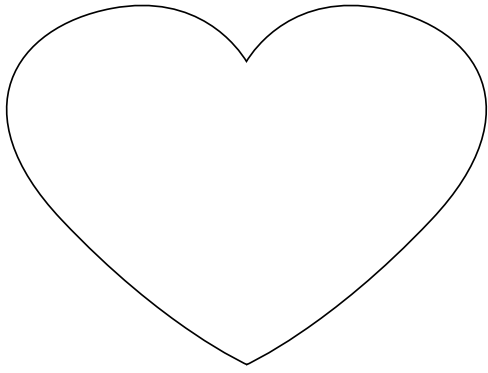


PRINT & CUT OUT SEEDS
(MAKE 4 SETS OF 5)



YOU WILL PLACE THE HEART DOWN FIRST,
(ONE HEART GOES IN EACH CUP/POT).

THEN PLACE THE SEEDS ON TOP AND THEN FILL WITH THE MATERIAL;
STONES/PEBBLES, BLACK ROCKS & SAND/DIRT.



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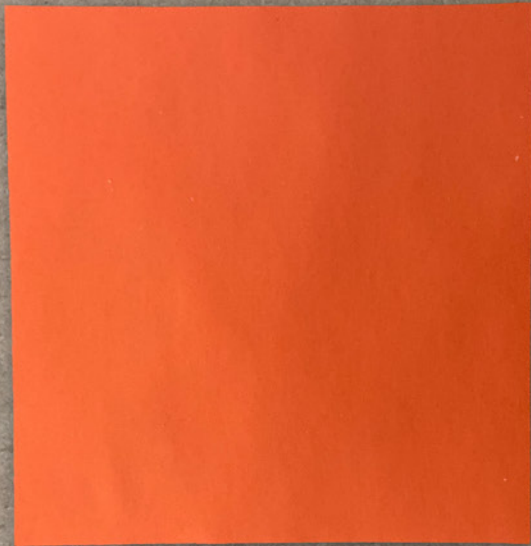
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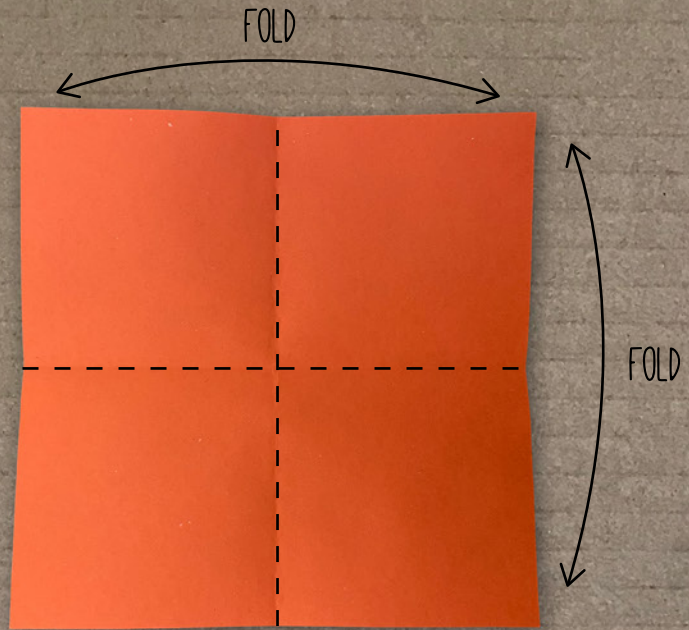
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BIRD

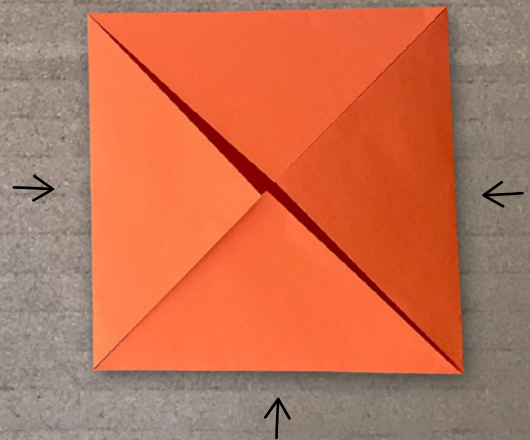


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CUT PAPER INTO A SQUARE



FOLD IN CORNER

FOLD ALL CORNERS IN

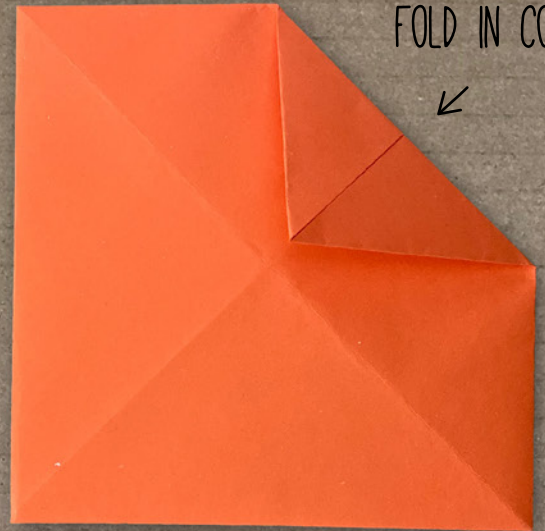


YOU START BY MAKING A BASIC COOTIE CATCHER, THEN ADD FOUR NEW FOLDS.

BIRD



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TURN PAPER OVER



FOLD IN CORNER



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FOLD ALL CORNERS IN

FOLD IN HALF

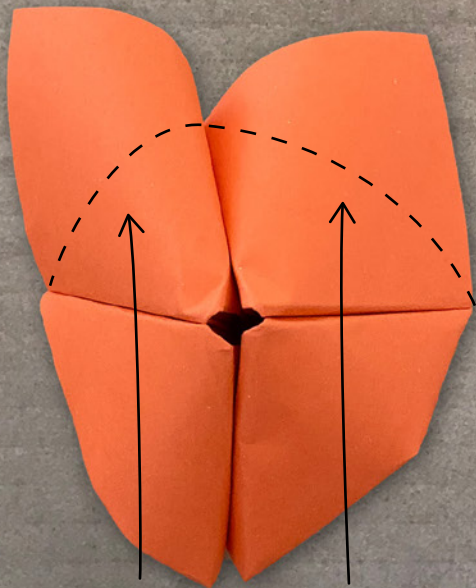
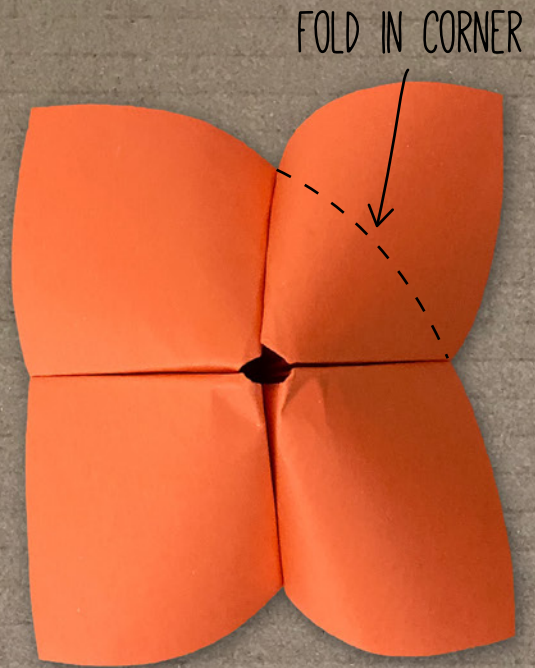


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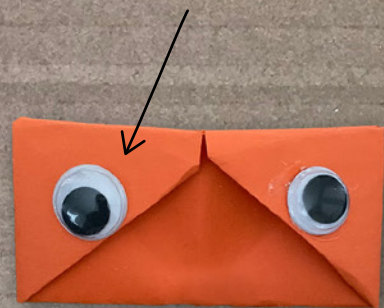


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EXPAND



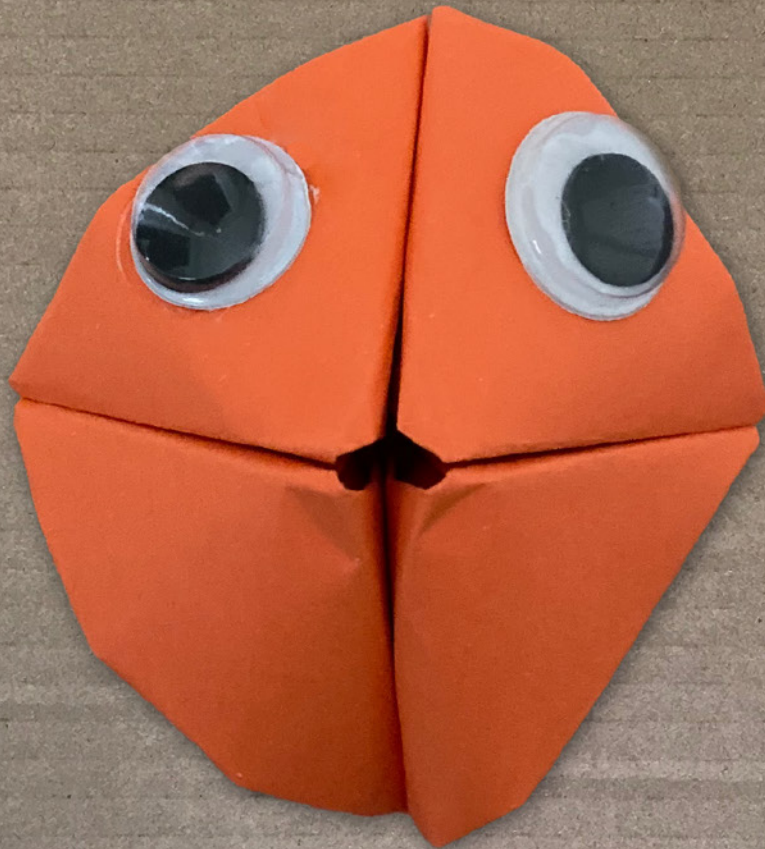
FOLD IN ALL CORNERS

REFOLD IN HALF AND GLUE (OR DRAW) ON EYES



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BIRD



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POT

CHOOSE POTS THAT ARE CONNECTED,
SEPARATE OR CUPS FOR THE FLOWERS!



OPTIONAL: WRITE NAMES ON THE CUP/POT

FILLER MATERIAL

ROCKS



← 1 CUP PEBBLES
OR STONES

THORNS



← 1 CUP BLACK
ACRYLIC ICE ROCKS

GOOD SOIL

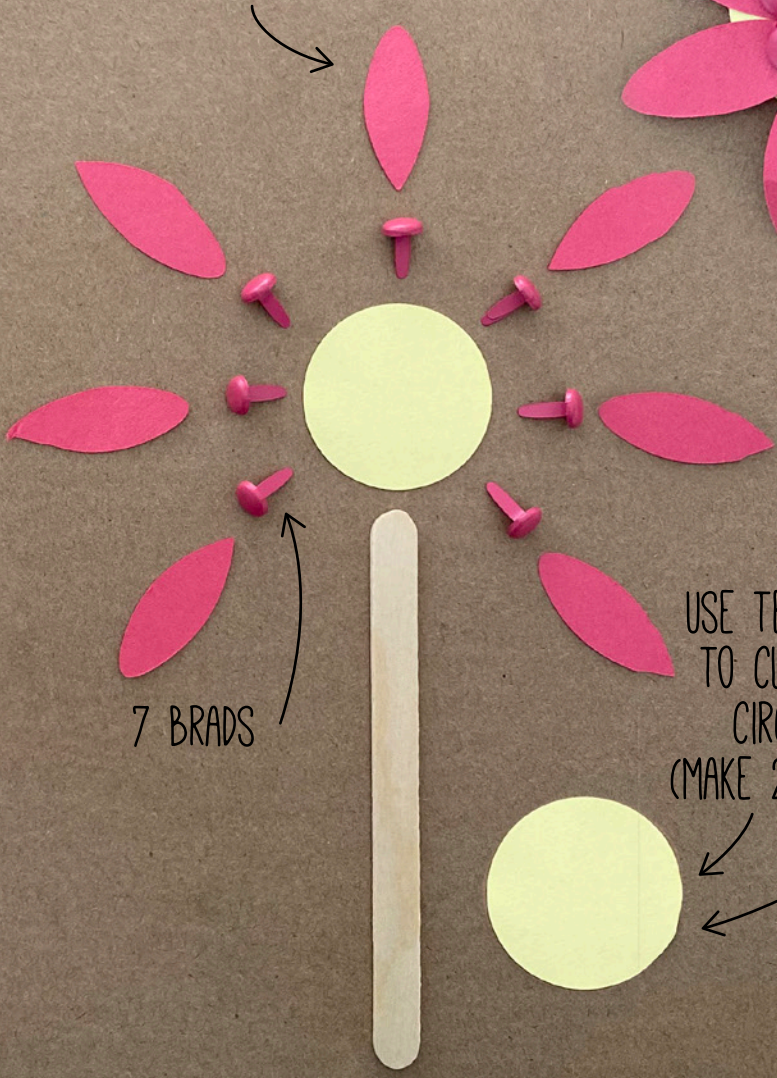


← 1 CUP BLACK SAND
OR DIRT

THE QUANTITY WILL DEPEND ON THE CUP/POT THE FLOWERS SIT IN. 1 CUP/POT FOR EACH FLOWER.

ROCKY FLOWER

USE TEMPLATE TO CUT OUT PETALS
(MAKE 7 TOTAL)



7 BRADS

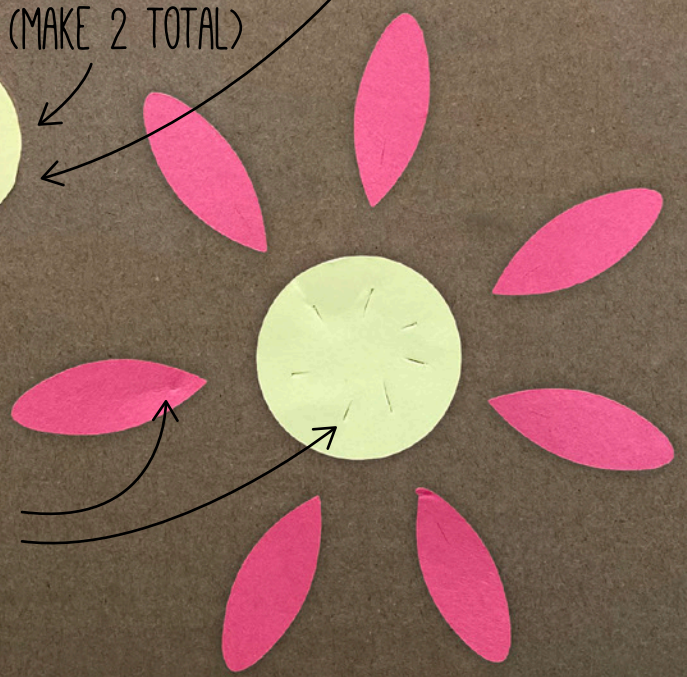
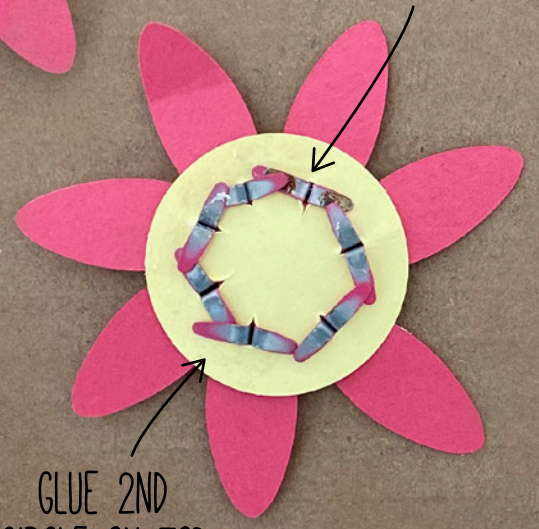
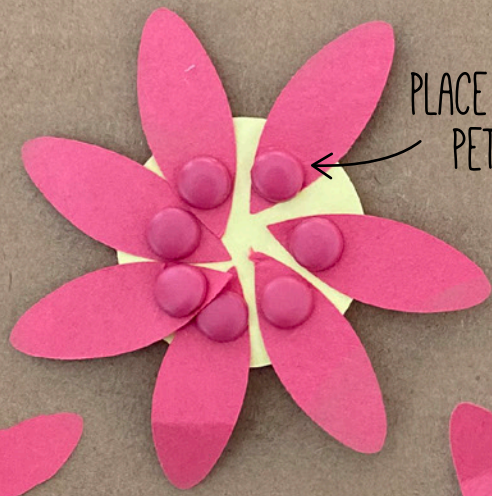
USE TEMPLATE TO CUT OUT CIRCLES
(MAKE 2 TOTAL)

GLUE 2ND
CIRCLE ON TOP

USE X-ACTO TO PRECUT HOLES FOR
BRADS TO GO INTO PETAL AND CIRCLE
THEN PLACE BRAD THROUGH BOTH

PLACE BRADS THROUGH
PETAL AND CIRCLE

SECURE BRADS THROUGH
PETAL AND CIRCLE



ROCKY FLOWER

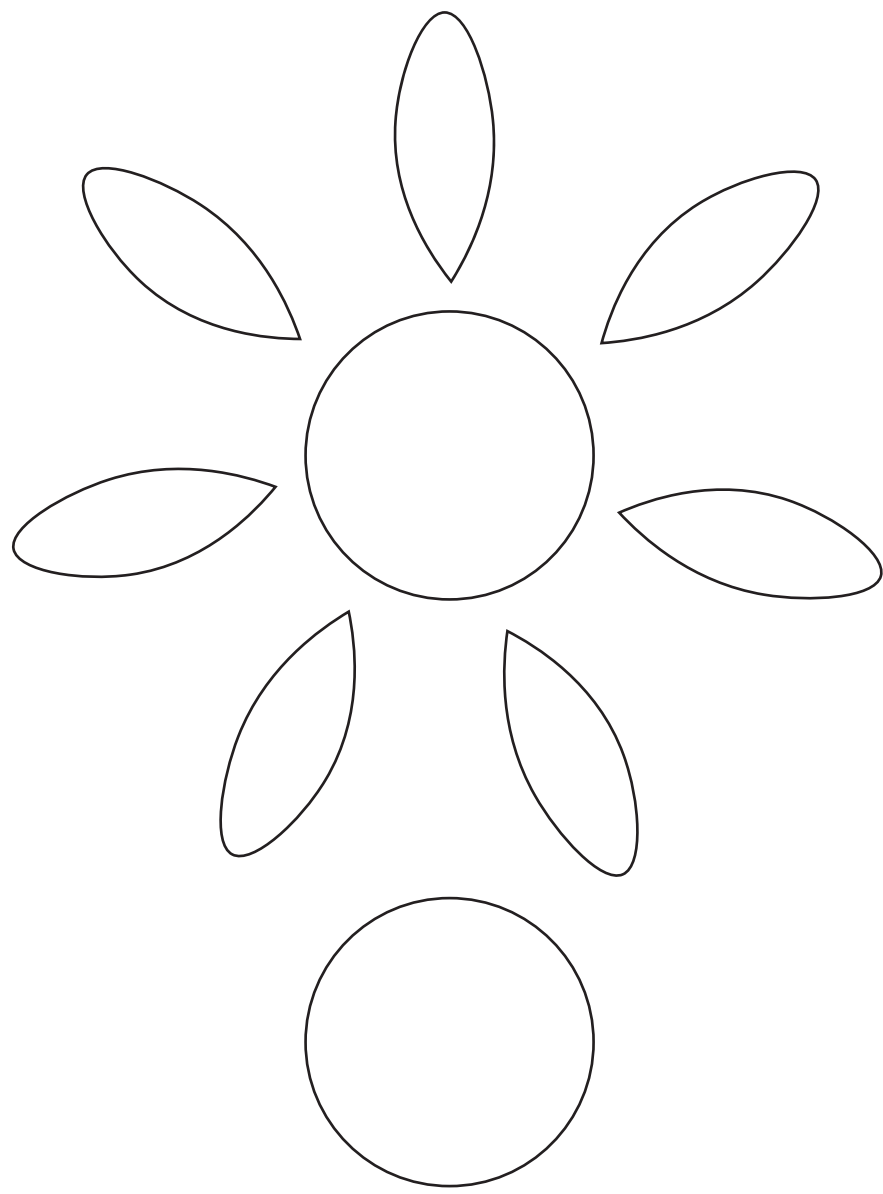
TAPE FLOWER INTO POPSCILE STICK



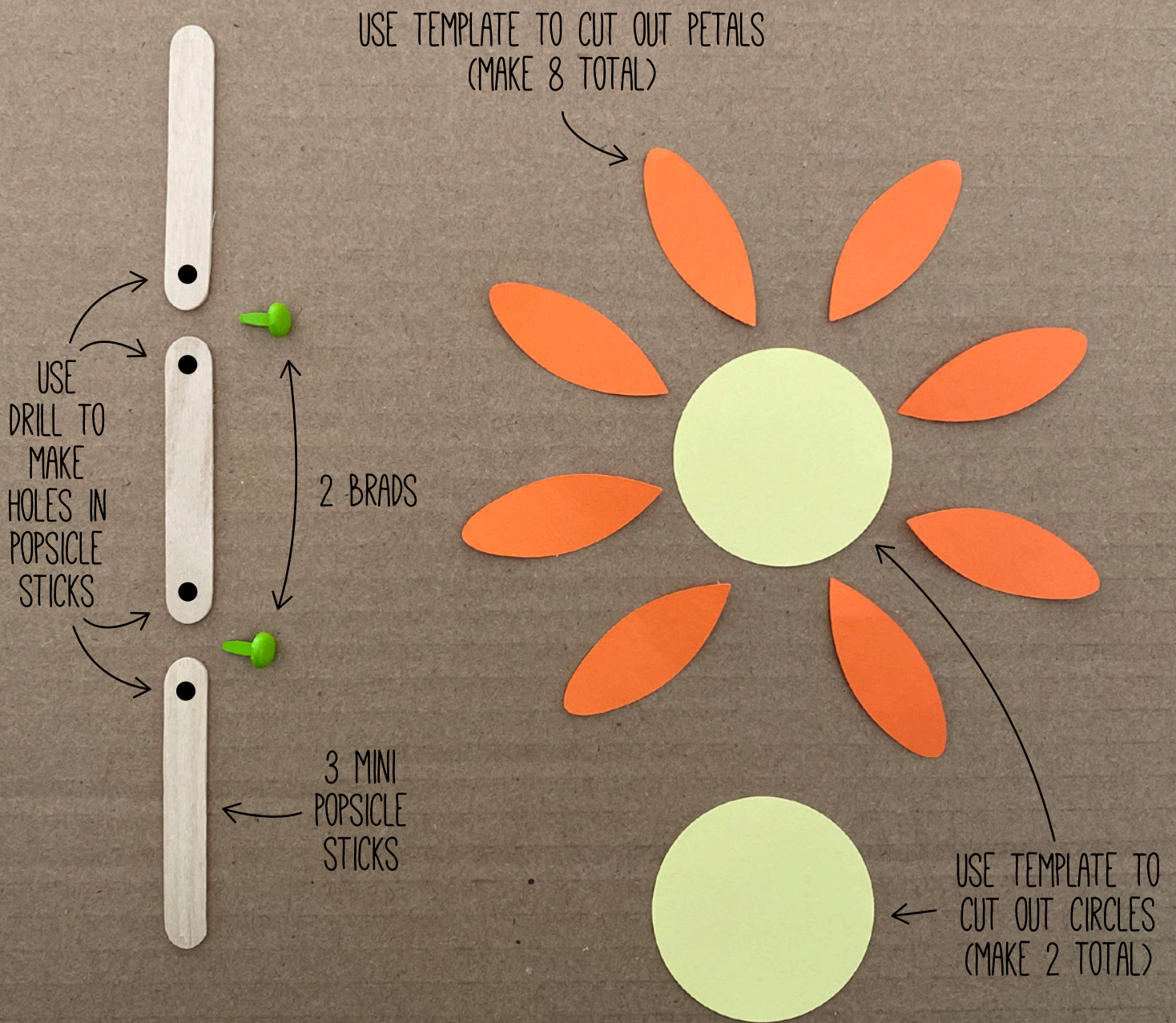
TURN PETALS DOWN TO MAKE THEM DROOP



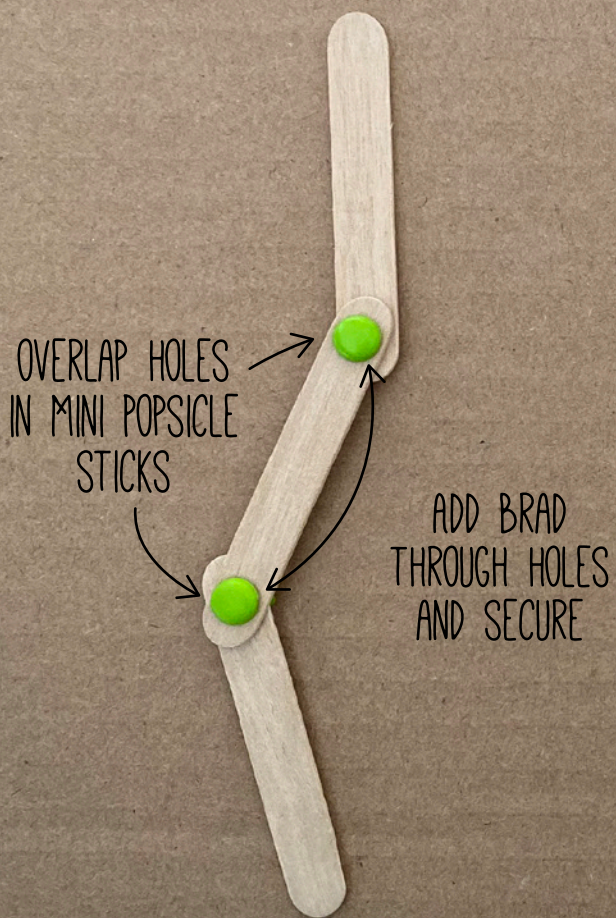
PETALS FOR FLOWER ON ROCKY SOIL



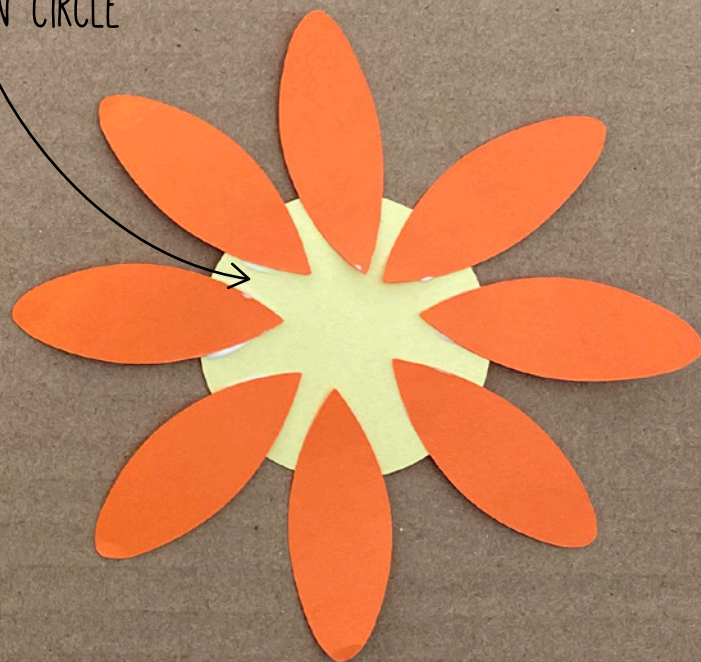
THORNY FLOWER



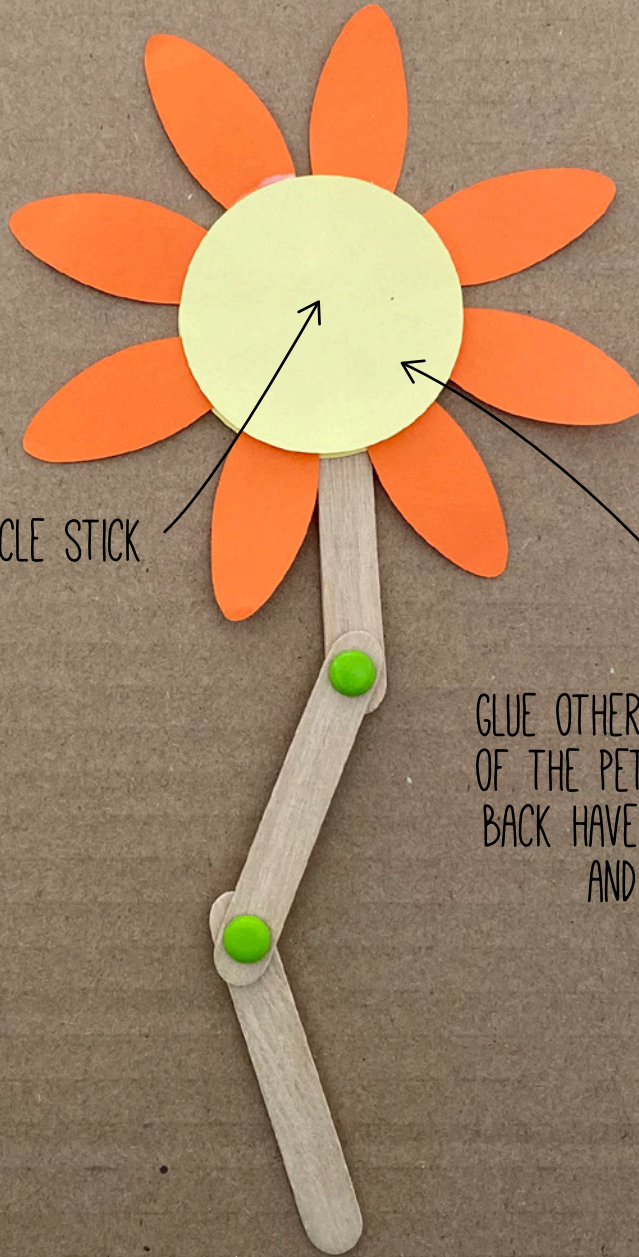
GOOD SOIL FLOWER



GLUE PETALS ON TOP
OF YELLOW CIRCLE



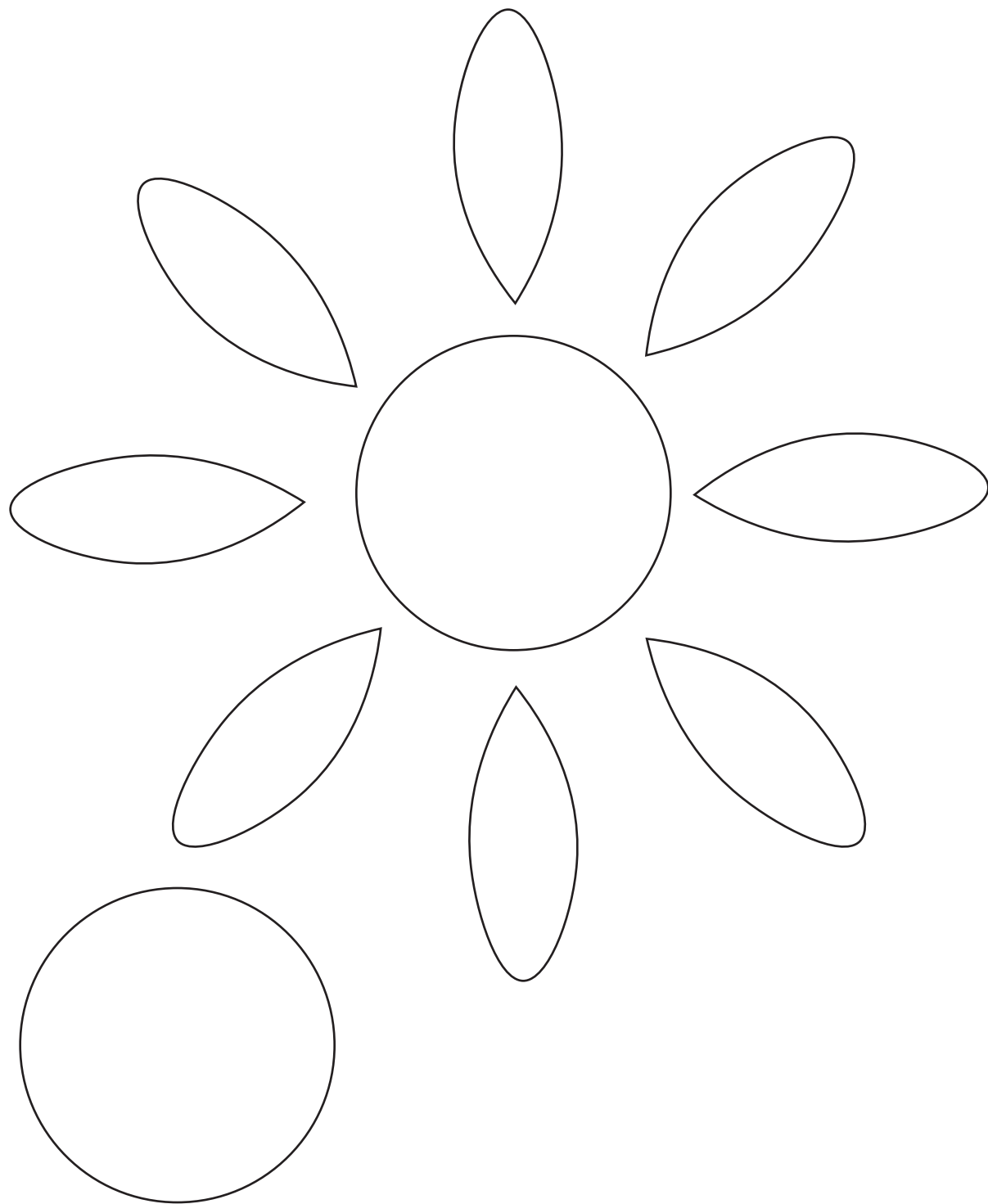
THORNY FLOWER



TAPE FLOWER INTO POPSICLE STICK

GLUE OTHER YELLOW CIRCLE ON TOP OF THE PETALS SO THE FRONT AND BACK HAVE A FULL YELLOW CIRCLE AND LOOK THE SAME

PETALS FOR FLOWER ON THORNY SOIL

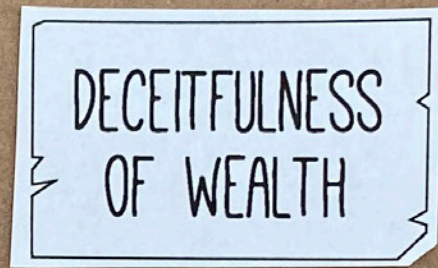


THORN SIGNS

PRINT & PRECUT



1 MINI POPSICLE STICK



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THORN SIGNS

TAPE PAPER TO POPSICLE STICK



WORRY

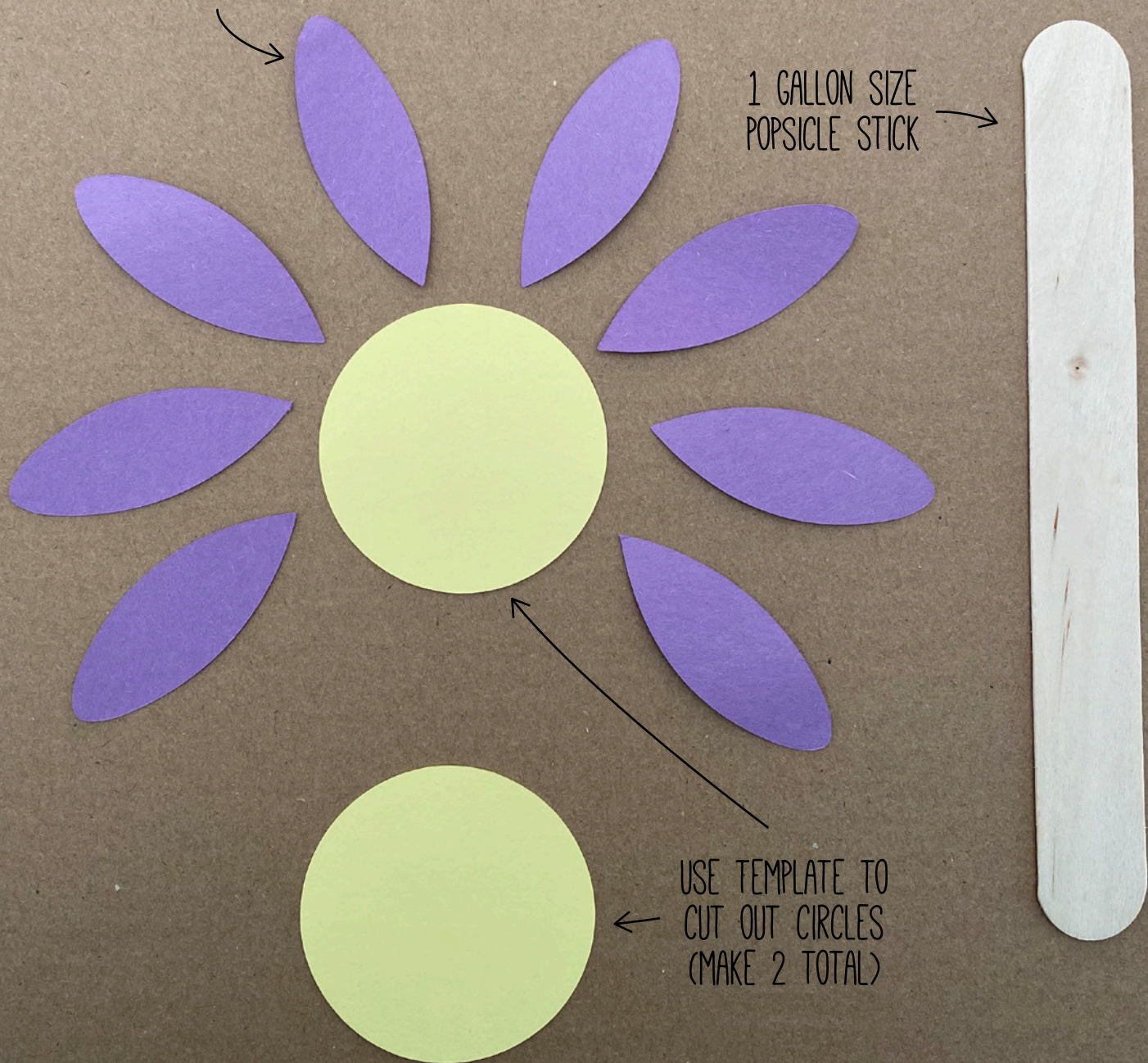
DECEITFULNESS
OF WEALTH

GOOD SOIL FLOWER

USE TEMPLATE TO CUT OUT PETALS
(MAKE 8 TOTAL)

1 GALLON SIZE
POPSICLE STICK

USE TEMPLATE TO
CUT OUT CIRCLES
(MAKE 2 TOTAL)



GOOD SOIL FLOWER

GLUE OTHER YELLOW CIRCLE ON TOP OF THE PETALS SO THE FRONT AND BACK HAVE A FULL YELLOW CIRCLE AND LOOK THE SAME

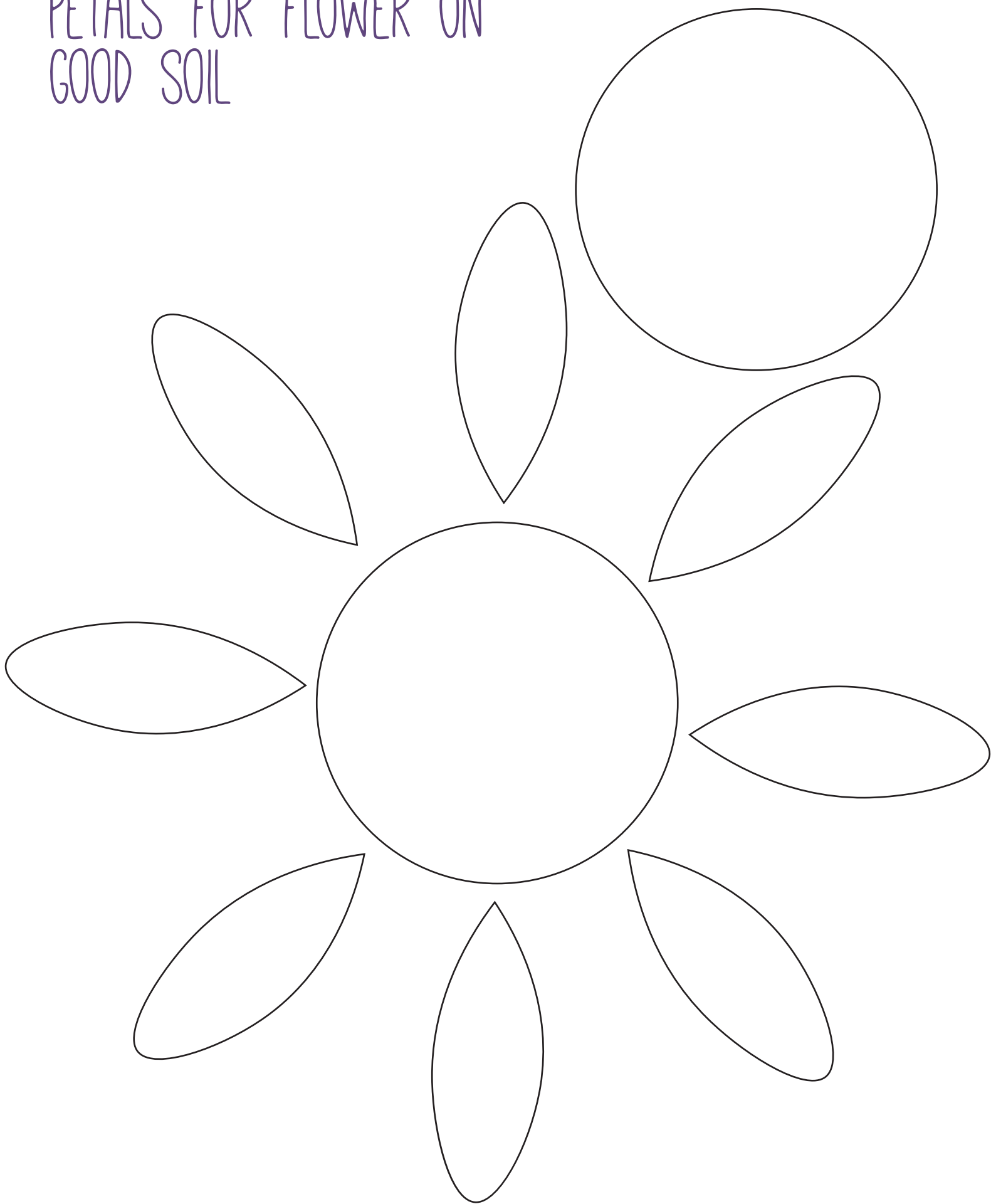


GLUE PETALS ON TOP OF YELLOW CIRCLE



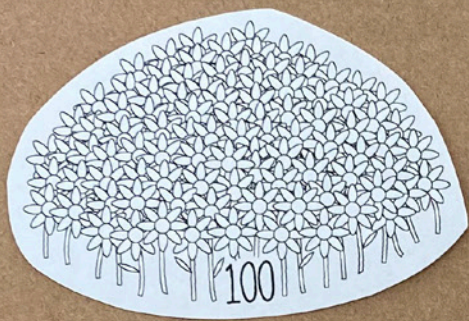
TAPE FLOWER INTO POPSICLE STICK

PETALS FOR FLOWER ON
GOOD SOIL



30, 60 & 100

PRINT & PRECUT

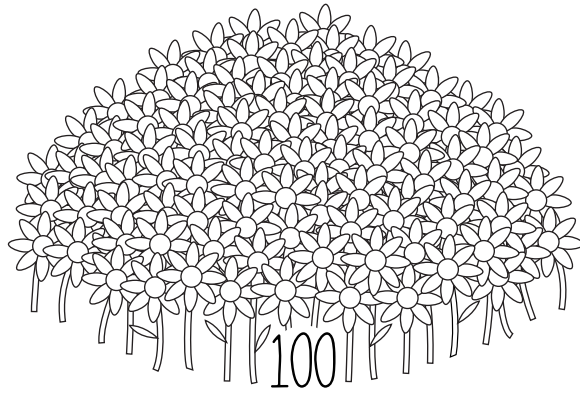
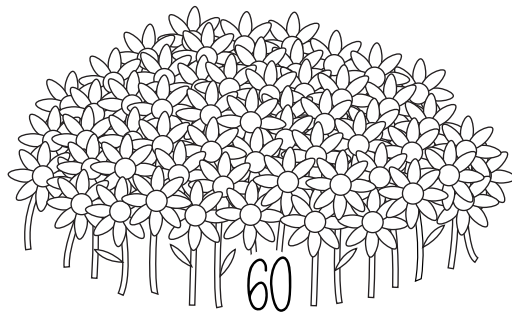
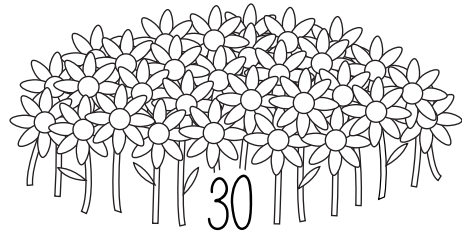


3 POPSICLE STICKS

30, 60 & 100

TAPE PAPER TO POPSICLE STICK





GOD'S SEEDS

It's time to scatter

It's time to sow

It's time to watch

God's seeds grow

THE SEED FALLING ON GOOD
SOIL REFERS TO SOMEONE
WHO HEARS THE WORD
AND UNDERSTANDS IT.

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