



# **Our Christian Vision**

**“One family rooted in love, growing and enabling all to flourish”**





# **Our Christian Values**

**Be Kind, be honest and persevere**



# The Parable of the Sower

Mark 4:1-20



some seeds  
fell on the  
path and were  
eaten by birds



some seeds  
fell on rocks  
but dried up  
because they  
had no root



some seeds  
fell among the  
thorns  
and were  
choked out



still others fell  
on good soil and  
they produced  
100 x more

Jesus tells of a farmer who sows seed indiscriminately. Some seed falls on the path, with no soil; some on rocky ground with little soil; some on soil which contains thorns; and some on good soil. In the first case, the seed is eaten by the birds; in the second and third soils, the seed fails to produce a crop; but when it falls on good soil, it grows well. Jesus later explains to his disciples that the seed represents the Gospel, the sower represents anyone who proclaims it, and the various soils represent people's responses to it. The good soil shows that if we take care of our heart, the word of God can grow in us.

Our Christian Vision at Finmere is: 'One family rooted in love, growing and enabling all to flourish'

How do you think our Christian vision is aligned (or like) the story of Jesus the sower? There are no wrong answers, these are your thoughts and ideas.

We can think of the children, staff and families at Finmere like the seeds; seeds that we want you to grow and flourish.

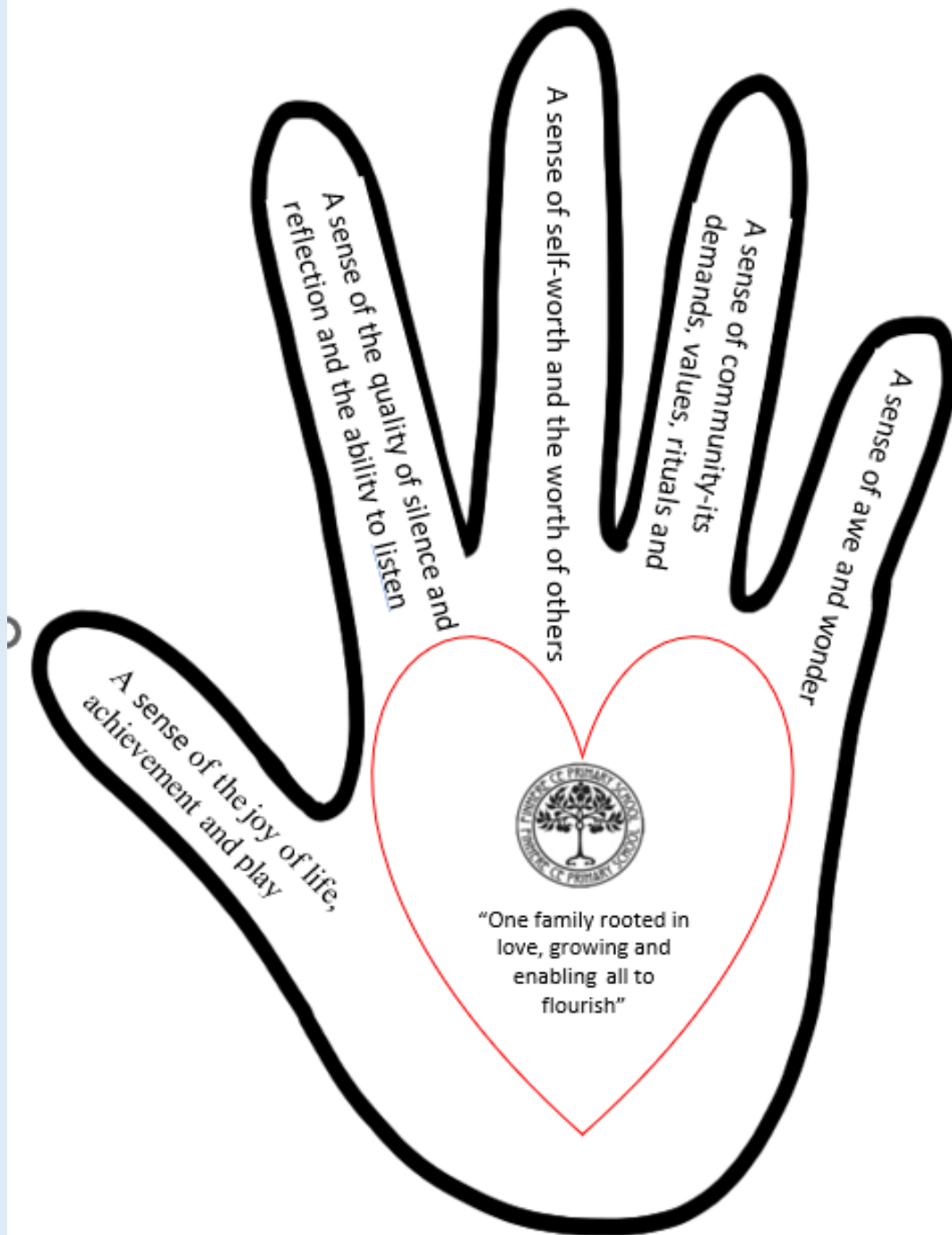
The seeds in the story needed good soil to flourish and grow. How does Finmere help us to grow?

When we teach you a lesson, we have thought carefully about what knowledge and skills that you need to learn well, and to flourish in life. We know that we need kindness, honesty and perseverance, and these will also help us to flourish. We want to keep our hearts open, be willing to serve, and recognise the blessings that we have – this will also enable us to flourish.

Many of these blessings can be thought of as ‘Spirituality’.

# What is spirituality?

Spirituality can be described as 'an awareness that there is something other, something greater than the course of everyday events'.



Spirituality: enabling us all to flourish

We are all different, but in this school we grow together

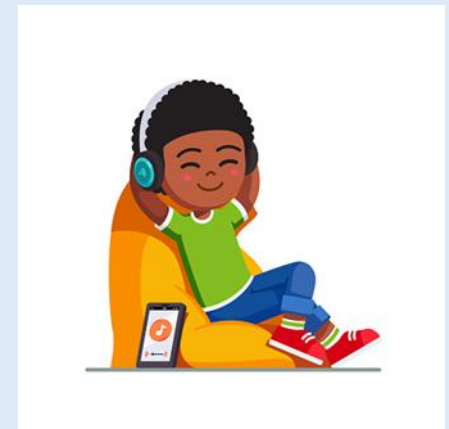
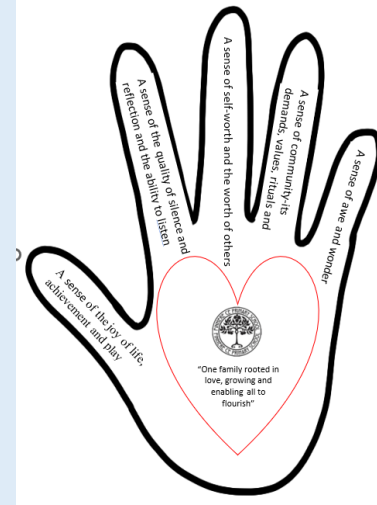


# A sense of the joy of life, achievement and play

Forest school  
Art  
Drama  
Music  
Residentials  
Sport  
House events



Joy does not simply happen  
we have to choose joy and  
keep choosing it every day.

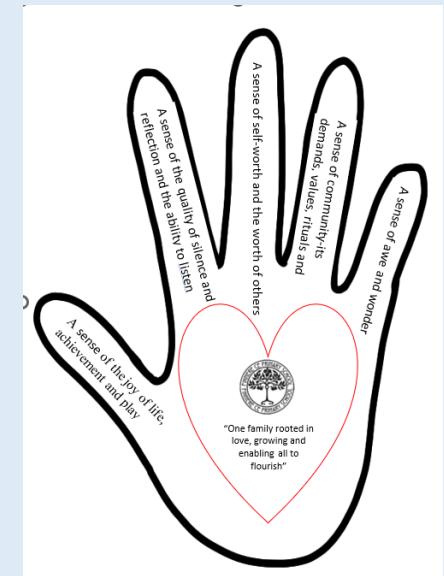




# A sense of the quality of silence and reflection and the ability to listen.



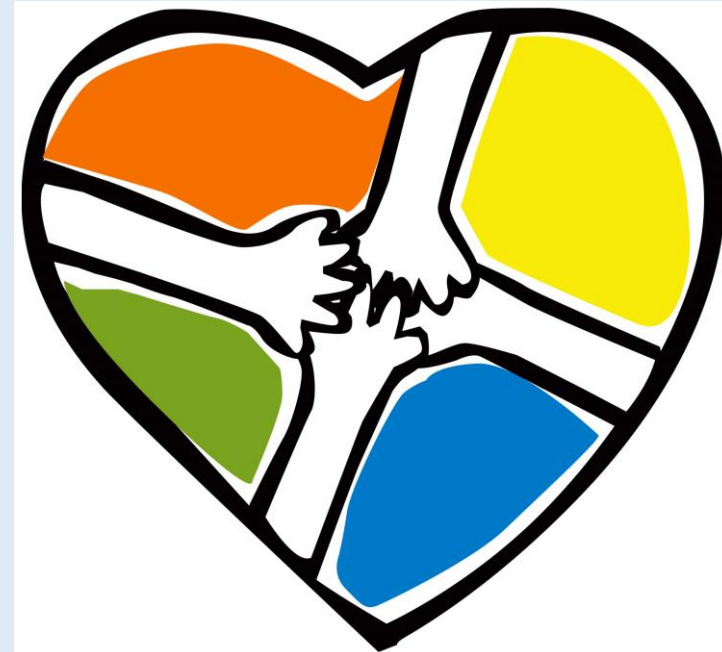
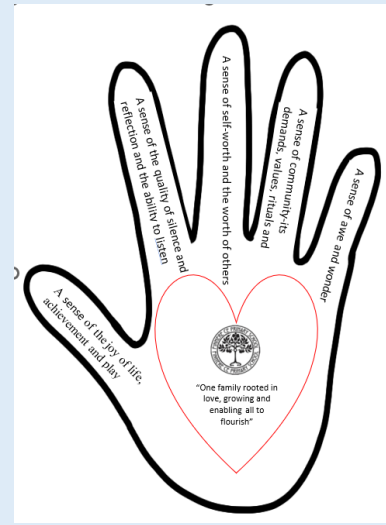
glitter bottle



A sense of self-worth and the worth of others.



Being the best you can be and enabling others to be the best that they can be





# A sense of community – its demands, values, rituals and celebrations.

Pupil leadership



Our Christian values

Our school community



Being kind and serving our community



Our church community.

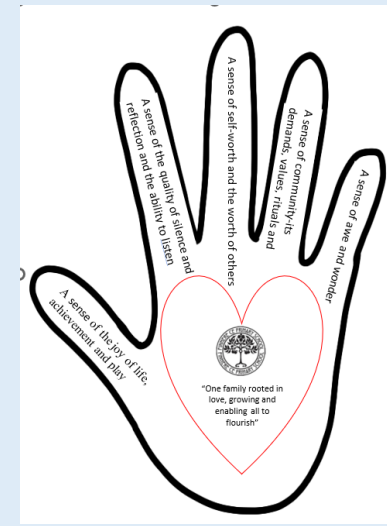


Commitment and belonging community groups



RE

worship

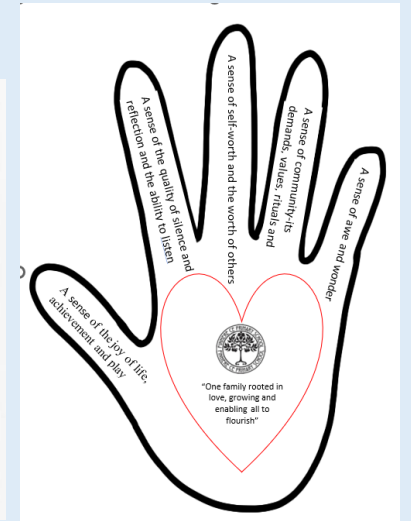


# A sense of awe and wonder.

Appreciating  
God's creations



Appreciating  
the beauty of  
the arts



RE – the big  
question?

The wonder of  
number and  
infinity and  
'nothing' in  
maths.

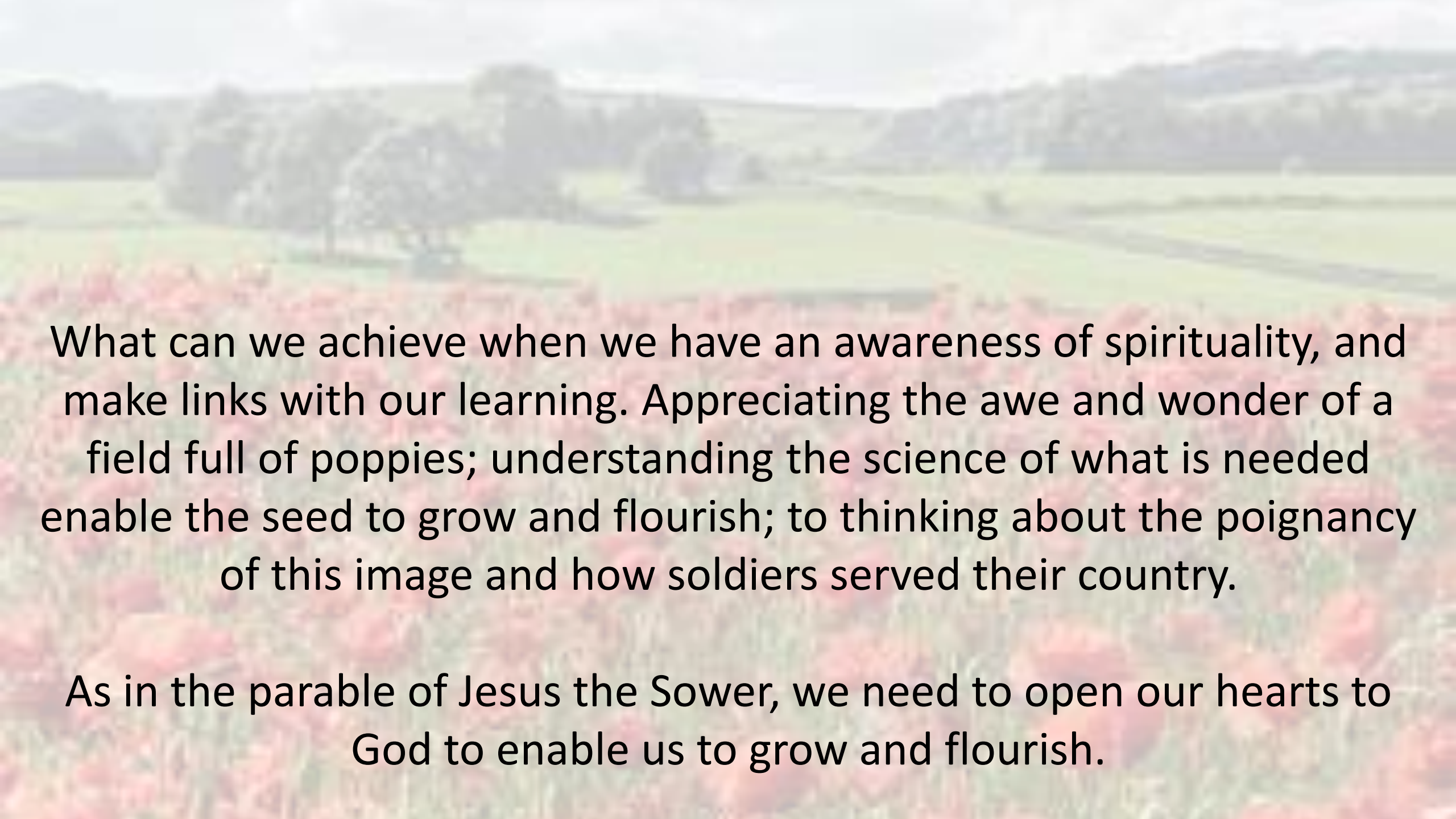


The wonder of  
science and  
inventions



Appreciating the  
beauty of  
language and  
literacy through  
quality texts.





What can we achieve when we have an awareness of spirituality, and make links with our learning. Appreciating the awe and wonder of a field full of poppies; understanding the science of what is needed enable the seed to grow and flourish; to thinking about the poignancy of this image and how soldiers served their country.

As in the parable of Jesus the Sower, we need to open our hearts to God to enable us to grow and flourish.

We all have the 'power' to grow and flourish and to enable others to grow and flourish.



'The Power in Me!'

