

# The Farmer Went Out to Sow

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**THEME or SCRIPTURE BASIS** - God's Word - Psalm 119:1-16, Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 13:1-23

**SYNOPSIS** - A farmer is going out to sow seeds in the audience when a Police Officer stops him and tickets him for littering. Through the course of the conversation the Farmer explains how important it is to memorize God's word and let it change your life.

## CAST

**FARMER**, dressed in bib overalls and carries a bag filled with verse cards

**OFFICER**, a typical Police Officer

## PROPS

a bag with a shoulder strap that holds the "seeds"

"seeds" - small cards that have printed on them Psalm 119:11

a bullhorn

a walkie talkie

a citation book & citation

2 buckets filled with confetti

*The FARMER enters. He is wearing a bag that contains verse cards. He starts throwing the cards into the audience. He sings as he concludes to "sow the seeds".*

**FARMER** (singing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

THE FARMER IN THE FIELD

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PLANTING SEEDS AND PULLING WEEDS

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*A POLICE OFFICER enters and begins to pick up some of the cards that the farmer has been throwing into the audience. He looks suspiciously at the FARMER. The OFFICER takes out a bullhorn and begins to yell at the FARMER.*

**OFFICER** Freeze... this is the police! Put down the bag and put your hands where I can see them.

**FARMER** (he sets down the bag and puts his hands over his head) But, Officer, I...

**OFFICER** (still talking through the bullhorn) Step away from the bag!

The OFFICER looks inside the bag and finds more of the cards. He puts down the bullhorn and approaches the FARMER.

**OFFICER** Just as I thought! I have been seeing these cards all over town. Can you explain exactly what you think you're doing here.

**FARMER** I'm sowing seeds of knowledge, that will grow into huge trees of wisdom.

**OFFICER** If you are sowing seeds of knowledge, what are these little scraps of paper. *(he shows him one of the verse cards)* We do have a law against littering.

**FARMER** No, no, you don't understand. *(he takes the cards out of the officer's hand)* Those are the seeds of knowledge. If they land in good soil and get watered regularly, they will grow into wisdom. The trick is finding the good soil.

**OFFICER** Let me get this straight. You think these little pieces of papers are actual seeds and you think by throwing them on all these kids they will grow into something? *(he takes off his walk talkie and talks into it)* Yeah, Edith? I've got a 10-56 here. I'm gonna need a little back-up. There's a crazy one here who thinks he can make things grow from paper.

**FARMER** No, you don't understand. I'm not crazy. Did you actually read what was on the card?

**OFFICER** No.

**FARMER** Read it. What's it say?

**OFFICER** "I have hidden Your Word in my Heart that I might not sin against You". Why are you throwing "seeds" on the kids?

**FARMER** I can help them if they let it.

**OFFICER** How can I help?

**FARMER** If they read God's word and memorize it, like the verse says, God can use it to help them make good choices in life.

**OFFICER** I think I'm starting to understand. Maybe you aren't as nuts as I originally thought.

**FARMER** Thanks, I think. Ya' know when I said, "I'm sowing seeds of knowledge, that will grow into huge trees of wisdom"?

**OFFICER** Yeah.

**FARMER** You can know a lot about God's Word but unless you let it change your life, it's only knowledge. These cards are just knowledge. When you let God's word change your life, that's wisdom.

**OFFICER** Now that makes sense. Excuse me for a minute.

*The POLICE OFFICER steps to one side and gets out his walkie talkie.*

**OFFICER** Yeah, Edith, it's me again. Ya' wanna cancel that 10-56 I called in a few minutes ago? I actually think this guy really knows what he's talking about. *(he goes back over to the FARMER)* Let me make you a deal here. If you will just go back and pickup all these cards, I won't give you a ticket for littering.

**FARMER** I'm afraid I can't do that. Once God's word goes out, you can't take it back. He promises that it will do what He wants it to do.

**OFFICER** You leave me no choice. *(gets out his book and starts writing a ticket)* I'm going to have to give you a ticket.

**FARMER** That's okay, Officer, I understand. But if all these kids will promise to hide God's word in their heart, it will be worth it.

*The FARMER looks out at all the kids.*

**FARMER** Okay kids, what'da ya say? Will you promise to not only memorize God's Word and let it change your life? *(he waits for a response)* A little louder, please. *(audience responds, Great!)*

*The FARMER gets the kids to respond.*

**OFFICER** *(hands the FARMER the ticket)* Now, you're willing to take the ticket because these kids promised to *(he reads from the card)* "hide God's Word in my heart". Do you mind if I keep this card? I might try it out.

**FARMER** Certainly. I have just one more things I need to do.

**OFFICER** And what's that?

**FARMER** What does a newly planted seed need most in order to grow?

**OFFICER** Everyone knows you need to water the seed after you plant it.

**FARMER** That's right. I've planted God's seeds on these great kids and now I need to water them.

*The FARMER and the POLICE OFFICER pick up 2 buckets that have been filled with confetti. They turn to the audience and throw out the confetti.*

THE END.