

Essential Activity: Grades 6-8+

What's In The Soil besides Rock, Sand and Silt?

Watch!

Students will watch the video, [100,000 Beating Hearts](#) then reflect on the questions supplied through the video website.

After watching the video, reflect on how the Query, quotes and selection from The *Bible* are all connected (see page 2).

Act!

- Journal/write about the video and your impressions and feelings. What message did you get from it? If you were going to create a “public service announcement”, advertisement or news article about the video, what would it say? OR,
- Write a poem or song to show what the video’s message meant to you; OR
- Create a piece of artwork the video inspired you to do.

Learn More!

If you and your family are interested in getting your soil tested, contact the Loudoun County Extension Office to learn more about getting a soil testing kit.

Matthew 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Query

Do we intentionally explore and live our conviction that there is that of God in all creation? – Query from *BYM Faith and Practice*

Quotes

The produce of the earth is a gift from our gracious creator to the inhabitants, and to impoverish the earth now to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age. – John Woolman, c. 1760

All things are bound together. All things connect. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls also the children of the earth. – Oren Lyons, Onondaga Nation