

Listen carefully to the Bible reading  
from Matthew 21 verses 23 to 46

Jesus tells two stories in this part of Matthew's Gospel.

Look at verses 28 to 30 and write "Yes" or "No" in the  
correct places:

"Son, go and work in the vineyard today"

The first  
son said... \_\_\_\_\_

But did the  
first son go? \_\_\_\_\_

The second  
son said... \_\_\_\_\_

But did the  
second son go? \_\_\_\_\_

So which son did what they  
were asked to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus told this story to show the leaders what they were  
like. The leaders tried to show everyone they were so good.  
But they did not believe they had to say sorry.

Were the leaders like the  
first son or the second? \_\_\_\_\_

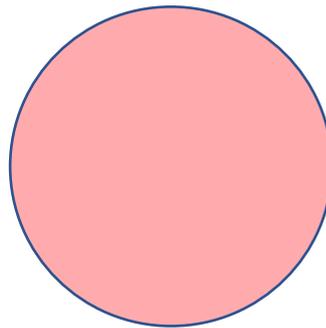
Jesus also told the leaders there were lots of naughty people around who were not good, **BUT** they were sorry and wanted to be forgiven.

Were these naughty people like the first son or the second? \_\_\_\_\_

The leaders thought they were so important, but Jesus said all the naughty people who were sorry would go into the kingdom of God before them!

How do you think this made the leaders feel?

Draw what you think their faces would look like



Jesus told another story. This story was about a beautiful vineyard - a place where grapes are grown. Draw what this might have looked like in Jesus' story.



Look at verses 33 to 39 (or listen to what is said about this story Jesus told). Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the □ for each of these sentences to show if they are right or wrong.

The master left some people to look after the vineyard and went to another country □

These people did terrible things to the servants sent by the master □

But they didn't dare to kill the master's son □

Jesus told this story to teach something.

The vineyard in Jesus' story were God's people. See if you can match the others in the story to who Jesus was really talking about.

The Master •

• Jesus

The people looking after the vineyard •

• God

The Son •

• The chief priests and the Pharisees

To **repent** means to stop going our own way, to say **sorry** and **turn** back to God.

Use the words in the box to complete these sentences.

kingdom	repent	believe	taken away
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God was not happy with the leaders because they refused to \_\_\_\_\_ and they would not \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, God's son. So Jesus told them the \_\_\_\_\_ of God would be \_\_\_\_\_ from them and given to others.

This was a very serious **punishment** for the religious leaders. It is also a **warning** for everyone:

God alone rules his kingdom, and only people who repent and believe in Jesus will enter