

Children and family talk for 4th October 2020 week 28.

Hello everybody! Welcome to the children and family worship.
Lets' begin by talking to God:

Dear God,

Here we are to worship you, to learn about you and to talk to you. Give us peace in our minds so that we can hear you and understand your word. Amen

Our Bible reading today is from Matthew 21.33-46 – Sandy will attempt to draw the story as its read.

Jesus told another parable to the crowd who gathered around him in the Temple. 'A landowner planted a vineyard on his land and put a fence around it. He built a wine press and a watchtower on the land. Before going to live abroad, he rented out the land to some tenants. When it was time to harvest the grapes, the landowner sent some slaves to collect his share of the harvest. But the tenants beat one of the slaves up, they killed another and stoned the third one.'

Jesus continued, 'So the landowner sent even more slaves. But the tenants treated them in the same way. Finally, the landowner sent his own son to speak to the tenants, thinking that they would treat him better. But they had other ideas. One day the son would inherit his father's land, so they decided to kill him and keep the land for themselves.'

'What should the landowner do?' asked Jesus.

Those listening said, 'He should punish the tenants and rent out the land to other people who are more trustworthy.'

Jesus went on, 'It says in the Bible, "the stone that the builders rejected is the cornerstone, the most important stone in the whole building".'

Jesus was hinting that the chief priests and the Pharisees were like the tenants in the story, because they did not believe in him and refused to accept the things that he taught them. He added, 'In the same way that the vineyard was taken away from the tenants, so the kingdom of God will be taken away from you.'

When the chief priests and Pharisees heard this, they were angry with Jesus and wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of what the crowd might do.

Have you ever been lent something or left in charge of something?

How do you think the landowner felt when the tenants would not share the harvest with him?

I wonder what the most important part of the story is for you.

Let's praise God now as we sing: (use any instruments you have to really praise God as we sing).

You are the King of Glory

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You are the King of glory,
You are the prince of Peace,
You are the Lord of heav'n and earth,
You're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
Worship and adore;

For you have the words of eternal
life,
You are Jesus Christ the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of Kings!
Glory in the highest heaven,
For Jesus the Messiah reigns!

Here is a play to help us to understand the bible passage:

Girl: Daddy, will you build me a garden?

Father: Yes of course, darling! How about on that south-facing slope below your window?

Girl: Aren't there a lot of stones there, Daddy? I wouldn't want stones spoiling my garden!

Father: No problem, my pet, I'll clear them all for you.

Girl: May I have roses in it, Daddy?

Father: I'll plant the very finest, my sweet. But in return, you must provide roses to decorate the house.

Girl: Of course! And may I have somewhere to sit, where I can look out over my garden?

Father: Of course, my angel.

Girl: Thank you, Daddy! You are the best Father in the world!

A year later

Father: Your garden is in full bloom now, my sweet. May I have some roses for the house now, please?

Girl: I'd rather not, Daddy. I want to keep every bloom in my garden.

Father: But you have so many roses! And don't forget that I gave you your garden!

Girl: Yes, but it's mine, and I'll do as I wish with it!

Father: It's on my land, although I was willing to share it with you... now I think I'll call in the bulldozers!

Girl: Daddy, you wouldn't! Don't you love me anymore?

Father: Indeed, I do love you. But you don't deserve what I have done for you. You must learn a lesson. If you have a change of heart, I'll change my mind.

Praying together

Heavenly God,

Help us to realise that everything we have is yours and we are just guardians of it. Help us to look after your world and share it.

Amen.

Let's all do the Grace together, follow me for the actions

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

Don't forget to join in the Sundayclub zoom session at 11.15am on Sunday, just ask Sandy for the link. Tel: 07511950633

The children's sheet from Roots:

https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/16006/r91_chs_8oct17.pdf