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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2ND GRADE

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SUNDAY MORNING

Study 24

The Parable of the Vineyard Owner



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The Objective is the key concept for this week's lesson. It should be the main focus of the study.

These are the key verses that you will find helpful in teaching your study this week. The "Main passage" is the basis of the study, where the other verses support the objective of the lesson.

These are the books of the Bible we will be memorizing. New books for this month are in bold. If a student can memorize all the books up to this month's books, you may give them a prize from the "reward box" found on your cart.

An introductory activity or question that will settle the class, draw their attention to the study and prepare their hearts for God's Word.

Objective This lesson will use the parable of the wicked vinedressers to share the gospel with the students. Please give the students an opportunity to respond as you feel led.

Key Verses

Mark 12:1-12—Main Teaching Passage
Psalm 118:22

Books to Memorize

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 King, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, **Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum**

Hook

Ask the kids if they have ever been ignored or overlooked. Maybe they were telling a story and people didn't want to listen, or maybe they were telling a true thing and people didn't believe them. How did they feel when that happened?

In our parable today, Jesus tells us He knew ahead of time that people wouldn't listen to Him, would reject Him, and worse. Despite that, Jesus went and spoke with them anyway. Why do you think Jesus wanted to speak to the people when He knew they wouldn't listen to Him? (Because He loved them so much).

What does the Bible say? This is where we will read a passage or series of passages that teach on the subject of the day.

BOOK

The past few weeks we have looked at parables where Jesus described the Kingdom of God, or what heaven will be like. Today's parable is different: it is about Jesus Himself.

In this parable the vineyard represents the world. In the same way that the master of the vineyard built upon the land and created an amazing farm, the Lord created the earth and made it beautiful.

The servants that are sent to the vineyard represent the prophets that God sent to the people of Israel warn them of their sin and call them to repentance. In the same way that the Israelites rejected the prophets, even killing some, the wicked vinedressers rejected the servants and refused to listen to the farm's owner.

Finally the son of the land owner represents Jesus Christ. Not only was he rejected, but he was also taken and killed by the wicked vinedressers. Jesus too was rejected by those He came to save, was arrested and crucified.

Jesus then goes on to quote a verse from Psalm 118:22, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone." Jesus, the stone that was rejected, was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven where He now sits at the right hand of God. Even though He was rejected, He still took His rightful place as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

LOOK

It's amazing to think that Jesus told anyone this parable at all. Jesus, talking about Himself, said that the Son is going to be rejected, killed and thrown out of the vineyard. Jesus knew that the people He had come to speak to, the people He had healed, taught, cared for, and loved, were going to reject Him and kill Him. Jesus knew all of that, yet He still went anyway. When we realize that Jesus knew that those who heard Him say such wonderful things as, "Love you neighbor," and, "I have not come into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved," would reject Him, we start to understand how great a sacrifice it was for Jesus to come into the world at all.

Before Jesus was even born He knew that the world that He loved would yell at Him, spit at Him, punch Him, whip Him, place a crown of thorns on His head, and eventually crucify Him on a cross. If you and I were going to visit another city and we heard that the people there were going to kill us, then we would never even go in the first place, but Jesus still went

The interpretation/exegesis of the passage. What does this passage mean? How does this passage apply to my life?

LOOK (Continued)

You see, Jesus knew that without a sacrifice, the world's sins couldn't be forgiven. We needed Jesus, the perfect one, to take all of our sins upon Himself so that we, the very imperfect ones, could be forgiven and have everlasting life.

Jesus knew that He would perish on the cross, but He also knew that something else would happen, that the stone that was rejected would become the chief cornerstone. He knew that even though people said they didn't want Jesus, and that He would be killed by them, He would rise again and be exalted to a place of honor.

After three days in the grave Jesus rose from the dead, and then He rose into heaven to sit on the throne. Because of His sacrifice, Jesus is worthy to receive our honor, worship, and praise. He is the forever King of the Universe.

You and I need to make a choice. We need to realize that Jesus is the Son of God, who came into the world to save us from our sins. We don't want our fate to be like those wicked vine-dressers who refused to listen, but instead need to repent, and ask Jesus, our forever King, to save us.

What is my response to this passage of Scripture? How should my life change according to what this passage teaches me? What are the practical things I can do throughout the week to make this true in my life?

TOOK

Give the students an opportunity to respond to the message of the Gospel. Ask if there are any who have never received Christ, spend time to make sure they understand the Gospel, and ask if they want to Jesus to be their King.

Pray: Thank the Lord for making a way to save us from our sins. Thank Him for sending Jesus into the world, and that by His sacrifice we can have peace with Him.

Parent Question: What did Jesus know would happen to Him when He came into the world?

FURTHER STUDY

Commentary on Mark 12:1-12 by David Guzik

A. The story of the tenant farmers.

1. ([Mar 12:1-8](#)) A parable about a landowner and his tenants.

Then He began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. And they took *him* and beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded *him* in the head, and sent *him* away shamefully treated. And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But those vinedressers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they took him and killed *him* and cast *him* out of the vineyard.”

a. **He leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country:** This sort of tenant farming relationship was a common practice in Jesus’ day, especially in the region of Galilee. Archaeologists have discovered records of this same sort of dispute between landowners and tenant farmers.

i. “In a day when title was sometimes uncertain, anyone who had had the use of land for three years was presumed to own it in the absence of an alternative claim.” (Morris)

b. **That he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers:** Because Jesus spoke to a Jewish audience, they were aware that the vineyard was used in the Old Testament as a picture of Israel ([Isaiah 5:1-7](#)). Therefore, the **vinedressers** represented the rulers of Israel and the vineyard represented the people of God as a whole.

c. **And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed:** The vinedressers didn’t buy the vineyard, and they did not build it. A generous owner allowed them to work in his vineyard, yet they turned against the owner and one day had to answer for it.

i. **Again he sent them another servant... And again he sent another... and many others:** The owner was very patient. He sent messenger after messenger, even though they were all abused and mistreated. Because the owner of the vineyard was not present at the time, the vinedressers doubted and mocked his authority. They soon found out that even though they couldn’t see the owner, his authority was still real.

ii. **This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours:** The vinedressers were very foolish. They apparently thought that if they killed the owner’s son, the owner would then just give up and let them have the vineyard.

d. **So they took him and killed him and cast him out of the vineyard:** This parable tells us that Jesus knew He was the Son – the Son of God – and that He knew that He would soon be killed.

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Son or face certain judgment. "If you do not hear the wellbeloved Son of God, you have refused your last hope. *He is God's ultimatum*. Nothing remains when Christ is refused. No one else can be sent; heaven itself contains no further messenger. If Christ be rejected, hope is rejected." (Spurgeon)

2. ([Mar 12:9-12](#)) Jesus applies the parable.

"Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others. Have you not even read this Scripture: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'" And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

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b. **Have you not even read this Scripture:** Jesus instructed them from the "Hosanna Psalm" ([Psalm 118:22-28](#)), because the Messiah was officially presented to Israel. The hostility of the Jewish leaders showed that He was rejected, even if He was initially greeted with hosannas quoting from [Psalm 118](#).

c. **The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone:** Jesus is often likened unto a stone or a rock in the Bible. He is the rock of provision that followed Israel in the desert ([1 Corinthians 10:4](#)). He is the stone of stumbling ([1 Peter 2:8](#)). He is the stone cut without hands that crushes the kingdoms of this world ([Daniel 2:45](#)).

d. **They knew He had spoken the parable against them:** They were cut to the heart and convicted by the Holy Spirit. They reacted to the conviction of the Holy Spirit by *rejecting*, not by *receiving*. They plotted to murder Jesus instead of repenting before Him. A. The story of the tenant farmers.

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