



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle A – XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Ezekiel 18, 25-39; Psalm 24; Philippians 2, 1-11; Mathew 21, 28-32*

### The Parable of the Two Sons

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

### Reflection

Jesus teaches us with a parable: **a father tells his two sons to go work in the vineyard.... What does the first son respond?** He says yes, but then does NOT go. **What does the second son respond?** He says he will not go, but later repents and DOES go to work in his father's vineyard.

**Which of the two did the father's will?** The second. Jesus compares this good son with the tax collectors and the other son with the chief priests and elders of the people.

**Who were the chief priests and elders?** They were the leaders of the Jewish faith. They preached in length about God with beautiful words, but did not obey His words; and they did not believe John the Baptist when he came to prepare them for the coming of Jesus, nor did they believe in Jesus when He spoke or performed miracles. **Who were the tax collectors?** People that collected taxes for Rome,

but added money for themselves and so were hated by the people. But despite not being Jewish, and considered sinners, they believed in Christ, converted, and did the will of God. **This parable shows us that we must love and obey God with our ACTIONS, not just with WORDS.** It is not enough to say I love you Jesus, and not try to follow His Commandments in loving our neighbor and avoiding sin. God knows everything and knows what is in our heart. Our final response to God will be given with our actions.

### Activity

On the following pages, read the parable as a story and color. On the next page, consider each situation and choose which light would shine when deciding what to do. On the last page, fill in the missing words in the parable, and follow the path to see which son went to work in the vineyard.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit so I may discover the path I should follow to do Your will always, not only with my words, but also with my actions.

**Video:** The Parable of the Two Sons, Saddleback Kids, <https://youtu.be/pEz1rkZj7dU>

**Song:** Obey the Lord, Claudine Macaso, <https://youtu.be/F3So4hsx0BI?si=zY3hj7L0sx-tZPiD> (3-7 yrs.)

I will Follow You, Roy RN, <https://youtu.be/jpVuBcbZ24c?si=kMamUAYqRsMGBiSw> (8+ yrs.)

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BUAnwsAeEVP9HWp15iGOA2BtW23qctTk/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BUAnwsAeEVP9HWp15iGOA2BtW23qctTk/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true) (3-7 yrs.)

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## Parable of the Two Sons

Mathew 21: 28-31



What is your opinion?

A man had two sons...



He told them...

Son, today I need you to go and work in my vineyard.

But he later repented and went to work in the vineyard...



I won't!



Son, go and work in my vineyard.

I will go!

But later did not go to work...



Which of the two did what the father wanted?



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Choose which color light (red, yellow, or green) would shine when deciding what to do in each situation. Color the arrow the same color.

The Church needs help making sandwiches for the homeless.

My grandmother needs help getting her food.

My friends are talking bad about someone at school.

My Dad asked me to help pick up leaves, but my movie is very good.

Martha wants me to steal candy from the 7-Eleven.

I broke the vase and my mom is asking who did it.

STOP,  
LOOK AND  
LISTEN TO  
GOD.

SLOW,  
THINK,  
WHAT  
WOULD  
JESUS DO?

GO!  
GLORIFY  
GOD WITH  
YOUR  
LOVE!

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## Parable of the Two Sons

Mathew 21: 28-31

Fill in the words or phrases that are missing: THE FIRST, WON'T, SONS, REPENTED, WORK, I WILL

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two \_\_\_\_\_. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and \_\_\_\_\_ in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I \_\_\_\_\_,' but afterwards \_\_\_\_\_ and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, '\_\_\_\_\_, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, \_\_\_\_\_.

Sons, go to my  
Vineyard.

Follow the path and see which one went to  
his father's vineyard.

