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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, select an activity to explain the meaning of the Gospel to the children.

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/1BUAnwsAeEVP9HWp15jGQA2BtW23qctTk/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true (3-7 yrs.)

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4. HELP OTHERS.	3. OBEY MY PARENTS AND RESPECT THEM.	♥ ☆ I TOO CAN SHOW THAT I AM A CHILD WHO OBEYS THE WILL OF GOD WITH MY ACTIONS.	1. PRAY BEFORE GOING TO BED.	2. GO TO MASS.
THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS Matthew 21:28-32		Which son did the will of his father? The second son: "I don't want to, but later he changed his mind and went." The first son: "I will go, sir," but he did not go. The second son did the will of his father.		
A man had two sons and went to the first one and said: "Son, go and work in the vineyard today."		But he changed his mind and went.		
Then he went to the second son and said the same. "I will go, sir."		But he did not go. THE LESSON: "THE LAST WILL BE THE FIRST, AND THE FIRST WILL BE THE LAST." Matthew 20:16		

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HOW DO I MAKE MY MINI BOOKLET?

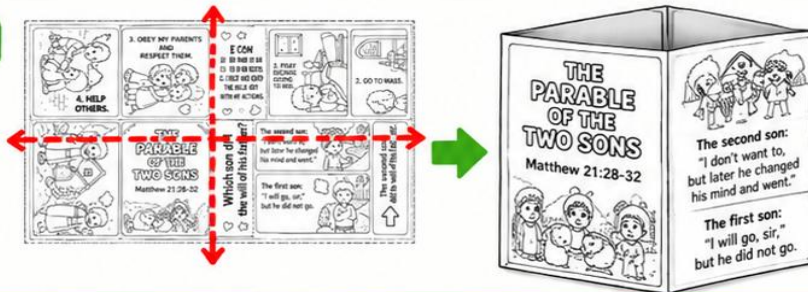
1 CUT

Cut out the entire sheet, following the dotted lines around the edge.



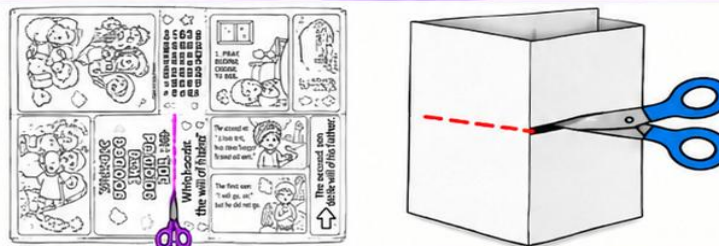
2 FOLD

Fold the sheet along the horizontal and vertical center lines. Then fold again, following all the dotted lines.



3 CUT THE CENTER SLIT

Fold the sheet in half to make it shorter and make a cut only on the center line indicated.



4 MAKE THE MINI BOOKLET

Open the sheet again and fold it lengthwise. With the top part facing up, bring the two ends toward the center. You will get a small booklet called "THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS."





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DECISION TRAFFIC LIGHT

1. Choose the color of the traffic light (red, yellow or green) that you would use when deciding what to do in each situation.
2. Color the arrow with the same color.



**STOP
AND WAIT**



**THINK
AND PRAY**



**GO
DO IT!**



The Church needs help making sandwiches for the poor.



My friends are talking badly about someone.



Marta wants me to steal a candy from the store.



My grandma needs help saving her food.



My dad asked me to help in the yard, but my favorite show is on TV.



I broke a glass, and my mom asks, "Who broke it?"

What do the colors mean?



RED – STOP AND WAIT

Stop. Listen to God and think calmly before acting.



YELLOW – THINK AND PRAY

Think: What would Jesus do in this situation?



GREEN – GO DO IT!

Act with love and obey God. It will glorify Him!



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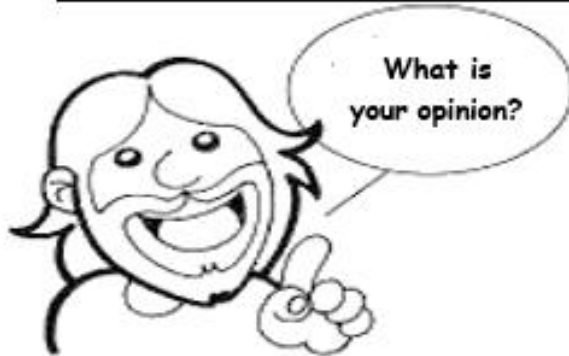
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Parable of the Two Sons

Mathew 21: 28-31



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

A man had two sons...



He told them...

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



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

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