

Children's Church at Home 27 September 2020

Matthew 21:21-32 The authority of Jesus

Craft ingredients: paper, pen, scissors, coloured pens.

Introduction: Do you have chores to do at home? Are they fun? Have you ever asked your parents for more ways to help?

Story: This story is not in the Lion First Bible, but you can read it here. Matthew 21:28-31
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt+21%3A28-31&version=ERV>

Video: <https://youtu.be/pEz1rkZj7dU> or <https://youtu.be/nVwIy2xrA1c>

True or False?

1. Both sons changed their minds.
2. The father was pleased with both sons.
3. If we are wrong, we can still change.
4. It doesn't really matter what you do, the main thing is to look keen and helpful.

Think: how do you think the boys felt at the end of the day? Who had more fun? Why did Jesus tell this story? Now read a bit more about what was happening. (Authority means the power and the right to do something.) Matthew 21:23-32

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Jesus had already explained how to get to Heaven! Were the people who were in charge at the temple doing what he said? Matthew 19:16-22

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+19%3A16-22&version=ERV>

Craft: if you like colouring, there's a nice picture here:

<https://concordianews.org/kids/2011/2sons/color.jpg>.

Or make a bunch of grapes. See the video for how to do it.

Activity: have you heard the phrase 'talk the talk, walk the walk'? play Simon Says using walking, running, skipping, dancing, cartwheeling (!!) as the actions! Or make an obstacle course round the house or garden, using toys. See how fast you can get round!

Prayer: It's really difficult to follow your way and do your work all the time, God. Thank you for helping us all the way. And thank you for letting us try again when we get things wrong. Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.