

Children's Church at Home 4 October 2020

Matthew 21:33-45 Cornerstone

Craft ingredients: card, paper, pen, scissors, Pritt stick, coloured pens.

Introduction: Another story about a vineyard. Do you like grapes? What about wine?

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%3A33-45&version=ERV>

Video: <https://youtu.be/Tg6cfb0XQZc> (can you spot the spelling mistake in this one?)

<https://youtu.be/q-iSgf3IuDU> This video is of Jesus talking to people in Guildford, filmed by someone who was there.

True or False?

1. Jesus was talking to school children.
2. The story is about a chicken farm.
3. The tenants decided to have a party for the owner's son.
4. After telling the story, Jesus talked about a cornerstone.

Think: The tenants had agreed to share part of their harvest with the landowner. What did they do wrong when the harvest was ready?

How can we give back to God?

What was Jesus talking about when he mentioned the cornerstone? When Jesus told the story, did he have a message for anyone in particular, do you think?

Craft: Make a stone wall collage.

Activity: Do you have a Jenga set? If not, you could try piling up soft toys or plastic animals instead. How high can you go, and then take out the bottom one?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you give us everything we need to have a good life and produce fruit, like the tenants in the story. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Help us to remember to share that fruit with other people. And help us to remember to rely on you for everything, our cornerstone. 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.