



Yes or No? Parable of Two Sons

All the content below is for you to make your own, please do read through it, pick what would work best for your children and would best engage them.

Rest assured of our prayers for your family and you this coming week!

This week in the gospel according to Matthew we learn Jesus' teaching about faithfulness in our service to God and to others.

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and other people society doesn't like are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and others did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Some conversation pointers, when talking at home about this –

What happened? Which son did the right thing? Is it better to say you'll do something or to actually do it? I wonder how the father felt? Do you ever say you will do things and not do it? What do you do to help your family? How do you feel when you're helping others?

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus told a similar story to show how different people obey what God has called them to do. In Jesus' parable of the two sons, the father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. Just as the two boys in my story, one son answered, "No," but went and worked. The other son answered "yes" did not go. In telling the story, Jesus wanted us to realize that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he tells us to "Love one another," but what he really wants is for us to love one another! Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he says, "Follow me," but what he really wants is for us to follow him! That's the kind of child I want to be. Isn't it the kind of child you want to be?

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Activities to remind us about this message from Jesus

Download and print the parables trading cards. Read the back of each one and try and remember all the parts of the various stories. At school or playgroup on Monday share them with the children in the playground.

Finish your time together focusing on this piece of scripture with prayer