

THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

Matthew 21:33-46

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³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied,

“and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

⁴⁴He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) At harvest time, what did the landowner send his servants to do?
5		2.) What did the tenants (renters) do to the servants?
5		3.) What did the tenants (renters) do to the landowner's son? Why?
5		4.) What do you think this means: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

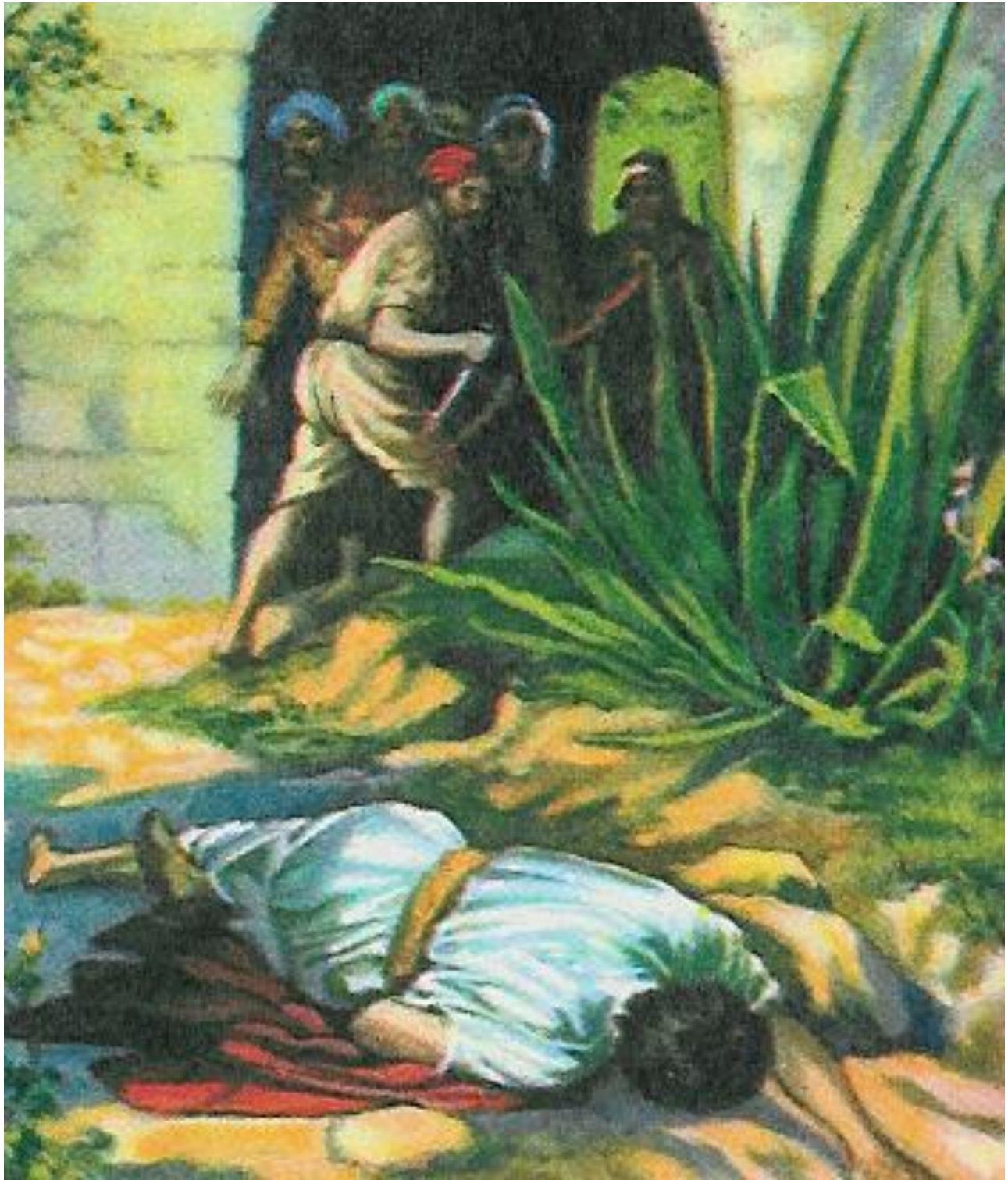
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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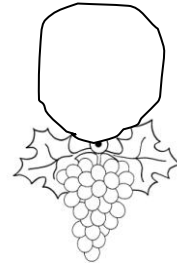
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: VINE NECKLACES

Students will make a vine necklace to remind them that a landowner planted a vineyard and rented it to some farmers.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Vine Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Yarn (two feet per student)
7. Hole Punch



DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Vine Pattern” onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the leaves and grapes.
3. Have students cut out the grapes and leaves as one piece.
4. Punch a hole through the black dot.
5. String a piece of yarn that is 2 feet long through the hole and tie the ends together.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their vine necklaces, remind them that the tenants in the story represent the Jews, or their leaders. The servants represent the old testament prophets. The son represents Christ who was condemned to death by religious leaders. In verse 41, the other tenants represent the Gentiles who heard the gospel message and accepted it. Over and over God revealed himself to his people, but many rejected the truth. Help students realize that God, through his word, is calling out to them as well. He does not want his children to hear the gospel message and reject it. Give students an opportunity to receive Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

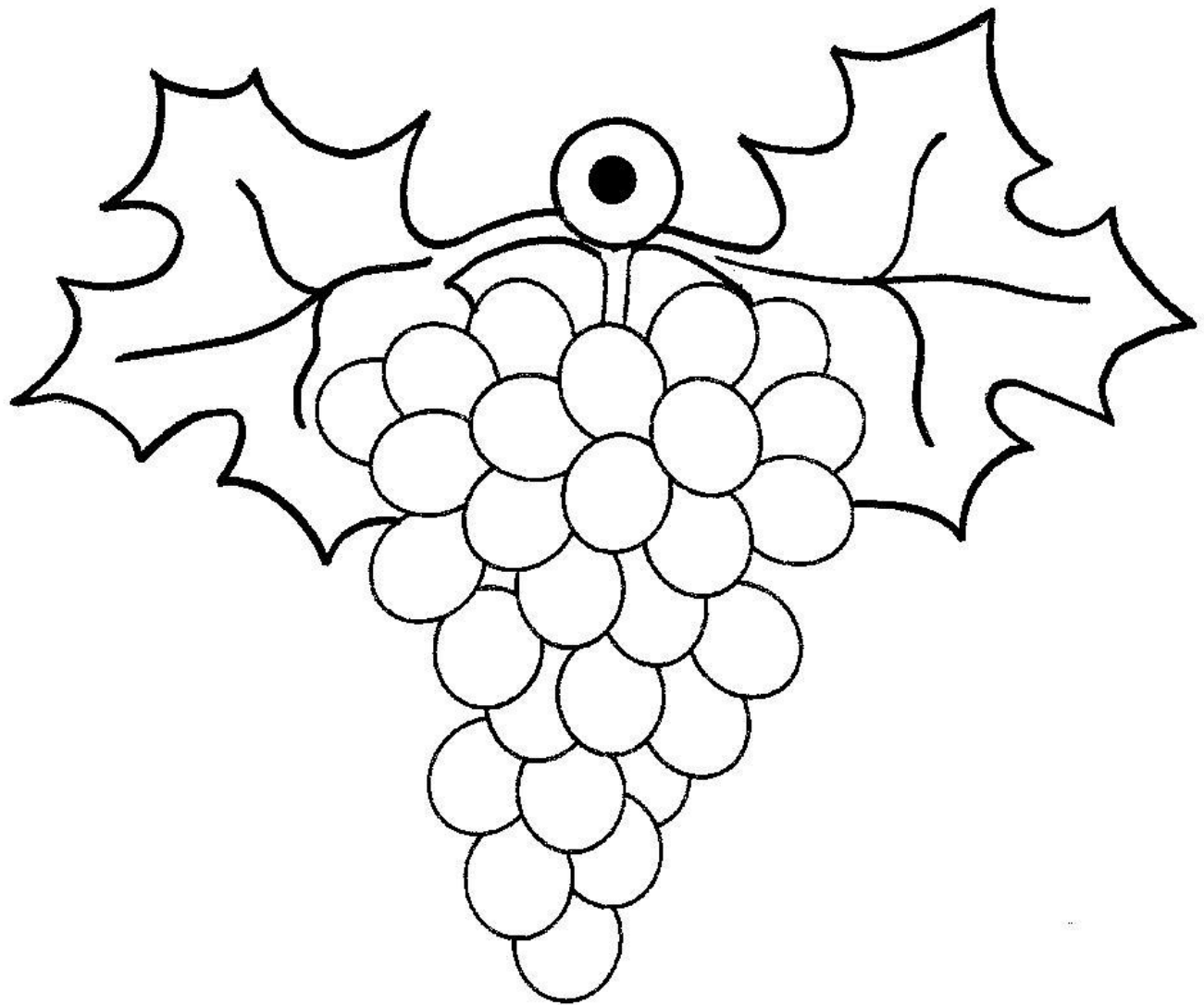
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VINE PATTERN



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UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

1. "... There was a certain landowner who..." **MATTHEW 21:33**
- a. planted a vineyard
 - b. set a hedge around it
 - c. dug a winepress in it
 - d. built a tower
 - e. all of the above

TRUE OR FALSE:

2. "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers that they might receive its fruit."
MATTHEW 21:34

TRUE OR FALSE

UNDERLINE ALL OF THE CORRECT ANSWERS:

3. "And the vinedressers..." **MATTHEW 21:35**
- a. beat one
 - b. welcomed the servants
 - c. sent the servant away
 - d. killed one
 - e. stoned another

TRUE OR FALSE:

4. "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'" **MATTHEW 21:37**

TRUE OR FALSE

5. "...when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come let us welcome him and return his inheritance.'" **MATTHEW 21:38**

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

6. "... they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and _____ him." **MATTHEW 21:39**

Jesus asked, "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

7. "They said to Him, 'He will _____ those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.'" **MATTHEW 21:41**

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Jesus told a parable about a landowner who planted a vineyard and rented it out to some farmers. When it was harvest time, the owner sent his servants to collect his share of the

fruit.

The tenants beat one servant, killed another, and stoned a third. The owner sent more servants and the result was the same. Finally, the owner sent his own son thinking that they would respect his son. But the son was killed as well. The tenants thought they could take his inheritance if he were dead.

Jesus asked, "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants?"

The people replied, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and then rent the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his share of the crops."

Jesus then said, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

The Pharisees and chief priests knew that Jesus was talking about them. They wanted to arrest Jesus, but were afraid of what the crowd would do.

For more details, please read Matthew 21:33-46 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

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MATCHING

1. VINEYARD ___ When the crops are ripe and picked
2. TENANTS ___ Plants
3. HARVEST ___ People who rent land
4. SON ___ Land with grapevines
5. CROPS ___ Killed by the tenants