

## JESUS TELLS A TERRIBLE PARABLE

[Jerusalem] — Jesus went to Jerusalem because he knew God wanted him to go there to die for us. While he was in the beautiful stone temple there, he taught about God's kingdom. He knew God's enemies wouldn't listen unless he found a way to get their attention. So he told parables [picture stories] to teach about God.

Jesus told about a man who owned a vineyard [a place where grapes are grown]. He let some workers take care of the vineyard but told them to give him some of the grapes afterwards, since he owned the vineyard. They decided to get greedy and steal the vineyard for themselves. They chased away all the servants who came to collect some grapes for the owner. Then the owner sent his own son. The workers killed him so they could have the vineyard.

Jesus told his enemies in Jerusalem that they were like the wicked workers. When God sent his son [Jesus] they killed him instead of listening to him and doing what God wants.

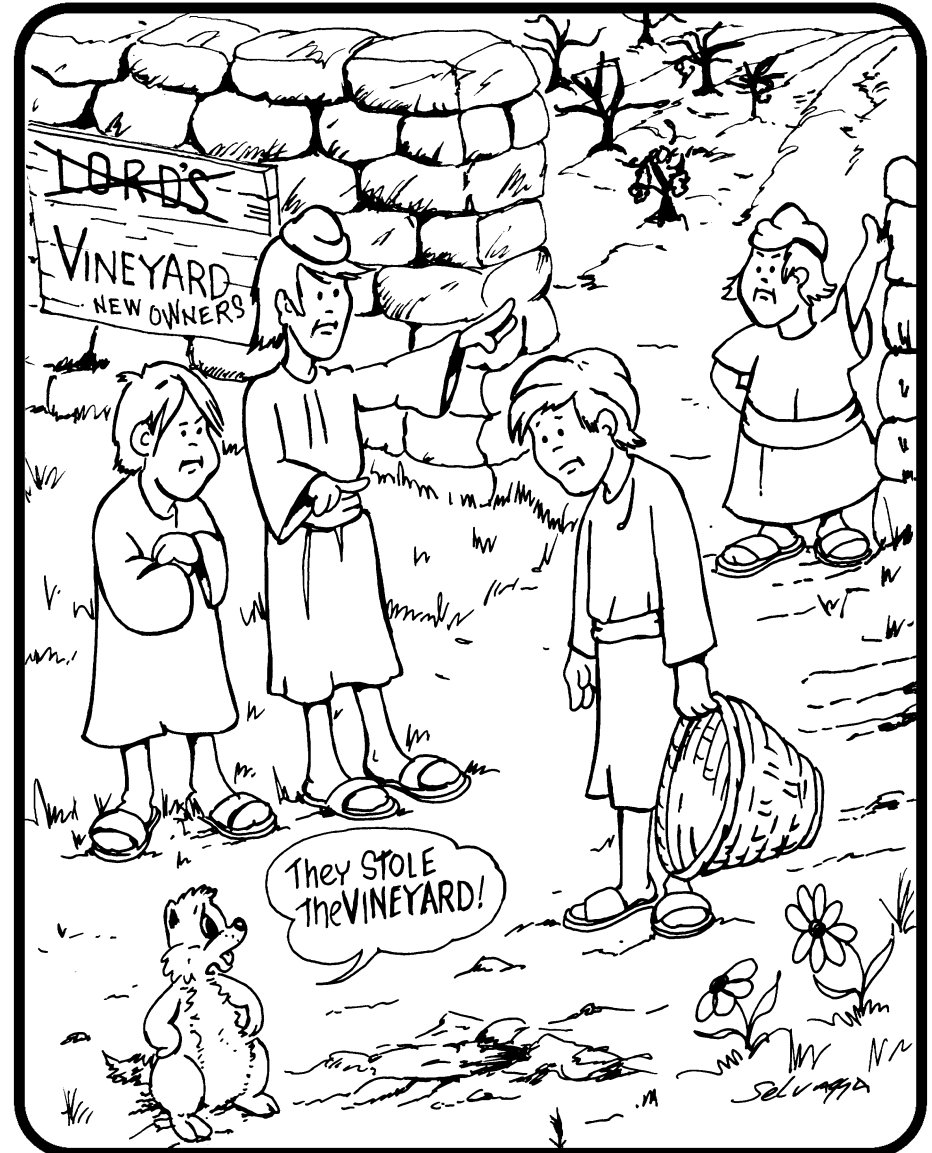
Matthew 21:33-43

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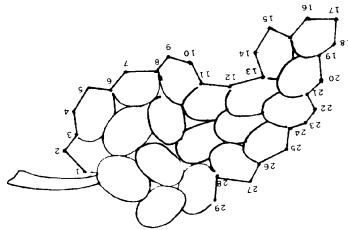
# GOSPEL GRAMS



## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

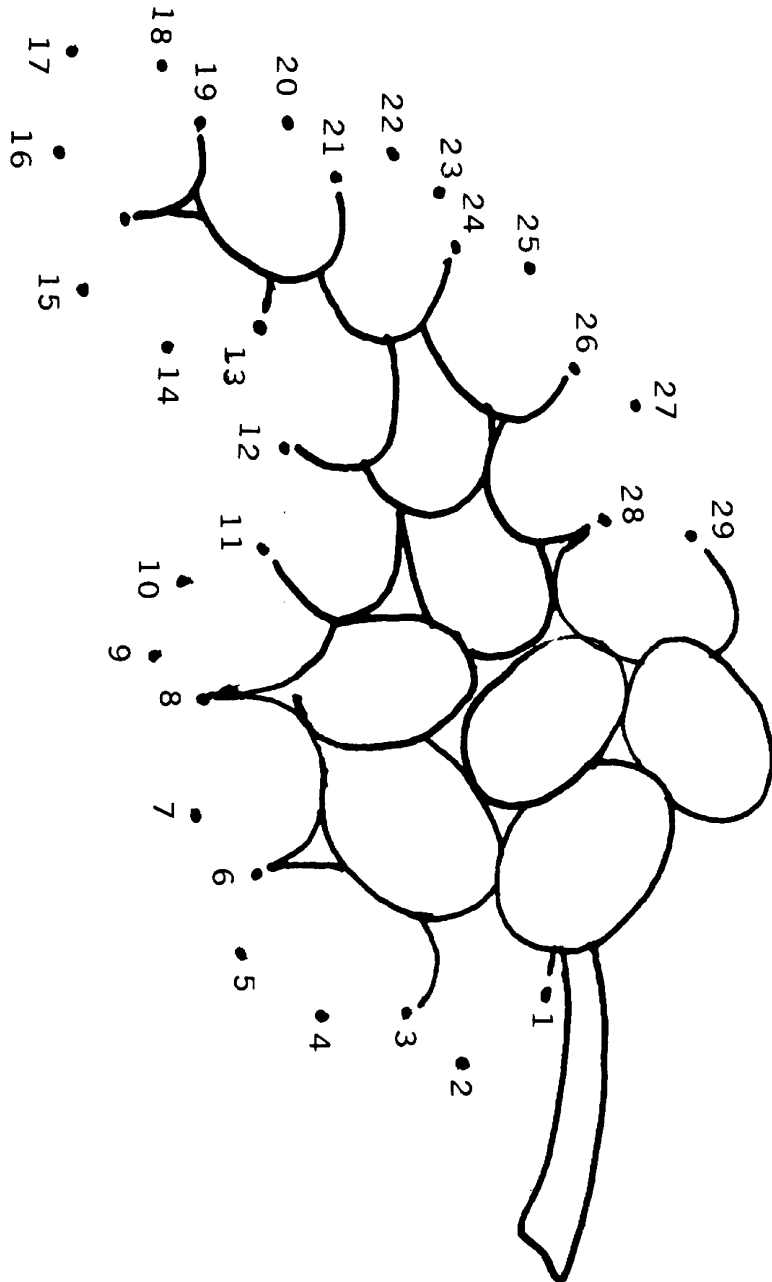


- MISSING WORDS:**
1. Jesus went to JERUSALEM.
  2. God WANTED Jesus to go to Jerusalem.
  3. Jesus taught about God's KINGDOM.
  4. Jesus was in the beautiful stone TEMPLE.
  5. Jesus told PARABLES to teach about God.
  6. A parable is a picture STORY.
  7. There was a man who owned a VINEYARD.
  8. A vineyard is a place where GRAPES are grown.
  9. WORKERS took care of the vineyard.
  10. The GREEDY men decided to STEAL the vineyard.
  11. The owner sent his own SON to collect.
  12. The workers KILLED the son.
  13. Jesus said his ENEMIES were like the wicked workers.



ANSWERS

**Finish The Picture. Connect all the numbers to make a picture of something important in today's Gospel story.**



**Missing Words. Below are sentences taken from today's Gospel story. Fill in the blanks with the word from the Word List that completes that sentence.**

**WORD LIST:**

TEMPLE	JERUSALEM	PARABLES	GRAPES
VINEYARD	STEAL	WORKERS	STORY
GREEDY	ENEMIES	SON	KINGDOM
WANTED			

1. Jesus went to \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. God \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to go to Jerusalem.
3. Jesus taught about God's \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Jesus was in the beautiful stone \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Jesus told \_\_\_\_\_ to teach about God.
6. A parable is a picture \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. There was a man who owned a \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. A vineyard is a place where \_\_\_\_\_ are grown.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ took care of the vineyard.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ men decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the vineyard.
11. The owner sent his own \_\_\_\_\_ to collect.
12. The workers \_\_\_\_\_ the son.
13. Jesus said his \_\_\_\_\_ were like the wicked workers.