

# Together @ Home

September 27, 2020

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together Jesus' parable about two sons.

You can find it in your Bible in:

**Matthew 21:28-32**

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.

Another passage we will be thinking about is

Matthew 21:33-46



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Sometimes we say, "Yes," but our actions say, "No." Please forgive us.

Help us to walk in Your ways and serve others as You have called us to do.

May we not only say "Yes" to the call to follow Jesus, but may other people know we are Jesus' followers by the way we love and care for others.

We pray for those in the world who need to know Your love--help us to show it to them!

Amen

## Discussion

### Two questions for adults to ask children

*Which of the two sons actually did what the father asked him to do?*

Even though the second son said he would work in his father's vineyard, he didn't follow through. Instead, it was the first son, who initially refused to work in the vineyard, who actually did what the father asked him to do.

*Have you ever told someone you would do something and then not followed through?*

### Some questions for children to ask adults

*Can you describe a time when you did not follow through on something you said you would do?*

*What does it mean that "actions speak louder than words?"  
Can you give an example of a time when your actions were more important than your words?*

## Family Activity 1

One of the themes from our Bible story in Matthew 21:28-32 is obedience. When telling the story, Jesus said, "What do you think?" We need to think about how we can be obedient to God. We need to think about what is the best way to do God's work and share God's love with others.

Play a game of Simon Says together as a reminder of the importance of obeying directions.

One person is 'Simon', they should give instructions for everybody else to follow but the group should only obey the instructions if they are preceded by the phrase "Simon says".





## A verse to remember

**James 1:22**

Do what God's teaching says; when you only listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves.

This verse reminds us that while God wants us to say "Yes" to the things God tells us to do, what is more important is for us to actually do them. Saying the right thing is good, but in the end, it is what we do that makes the most difference.

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

## Family Activity 2

**"I Will!"**



Divide into teams and line up one behind the other. Take turns being the "leader" who will give each team an action to perform. The player at the front of each line will shout out, "I WILL!" and then they will run to the finish line, perform the action, and then run back to their team. A new task will be given to the next player and the game will continue until everyone has had at least one turn. No one wins except to learn and to have fun saying "I WILL!"

## Active Sharing

Our story teaches us that what we say AND what we do matter. This is another way for us to think about being in service to one another. Why not take some time this week to actively share and use what you have to serve others. Here are some ideas of ways you could show care for someone else.

### Physical things

- Pick up some extra food to donate to the food bank.
- Sort out some clothes you have outgrown or no longer wear and donate them to another family.
- Pass on a book you have enjoyed reading to somebody else.
- Complete someone else's chore without being asked.

### Skills and Talents

- Bakers/Chefs – cook some delicious food to share with somebody in your community.
- Artists/Creatives – draw or create an encouraging piece of art, poetry or song to bless somebody.

### Spiritual Gifts

- Spend some time praying for another family in the church.
- Share an encouraging Bible verse with a friend.

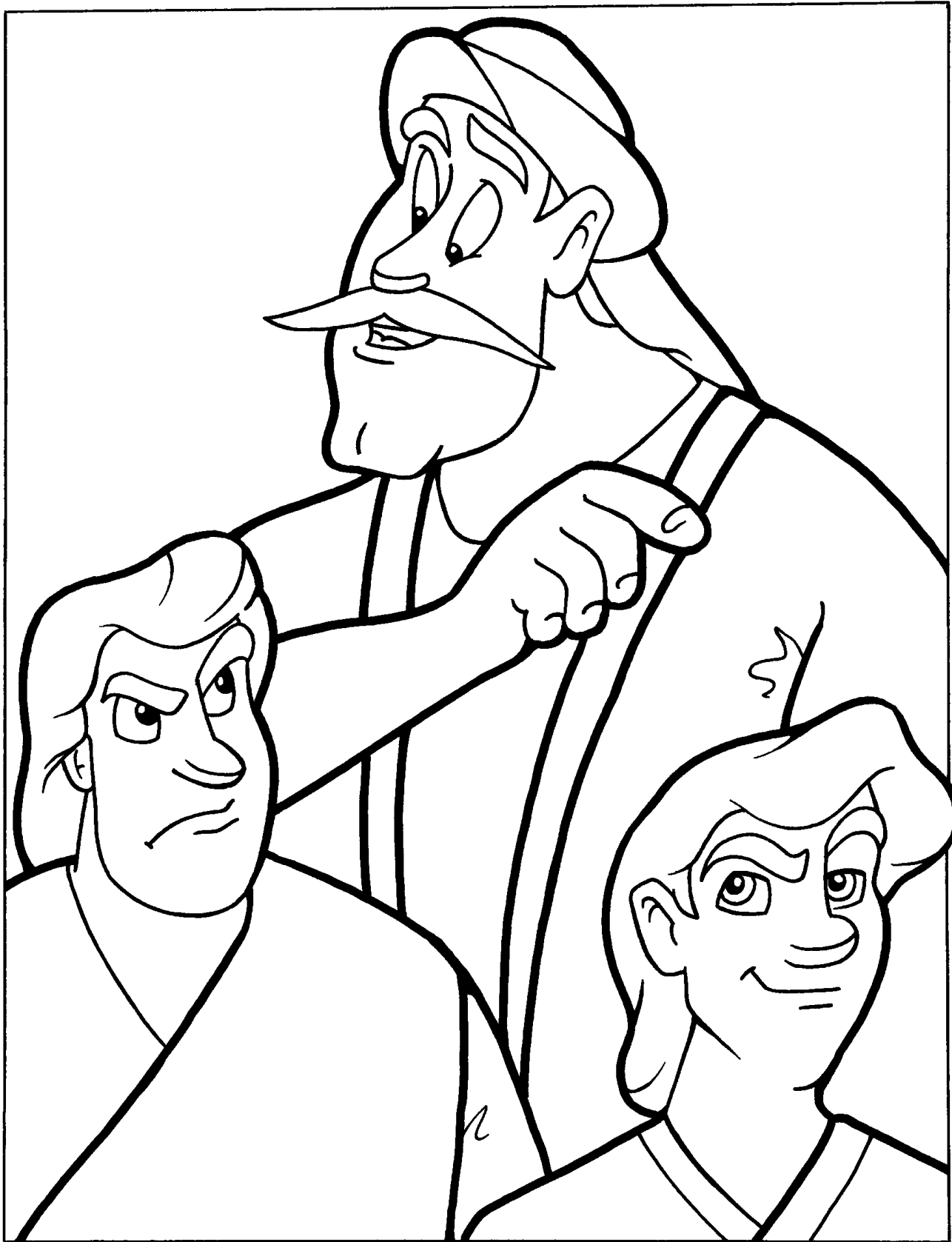
## Check it Out!

This YouTube video is a fun way to see our Bible story!



<https://safeYouTube.net/w/A3Ggb>

# Coloring Page



"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard. I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing, He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go."

Matthew 21:28-30

# PUZZLE SHEET

## The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)

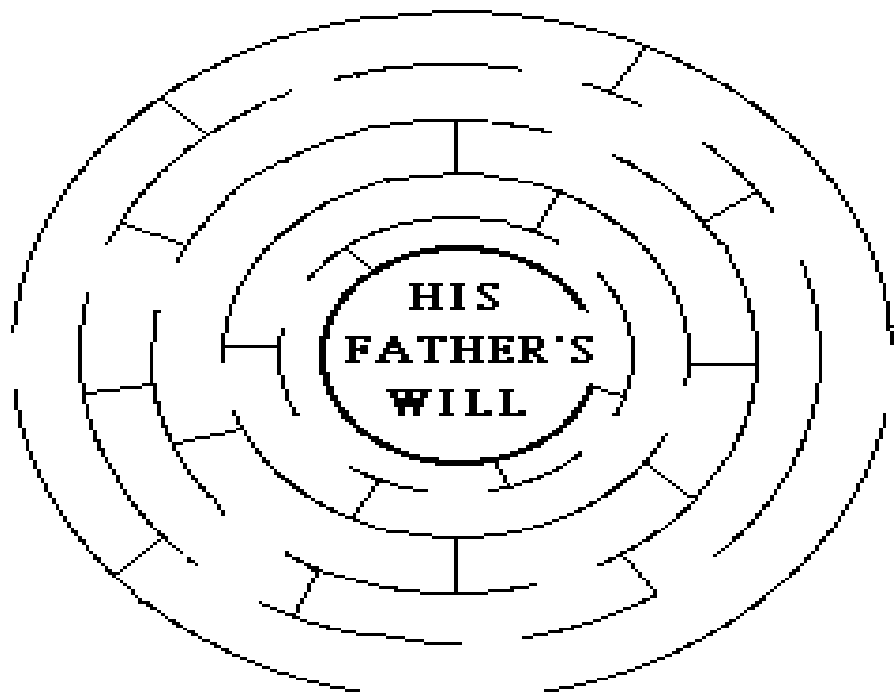


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Trace the maze.  
Which son actually  
reaches (does) "his  
father's will"?

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SON**



**2nd  
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