

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 4 October 2020



“A landowner leased his vineyard to other farmers.”

Something to Think About

God has given us the world to look after and ‘cultivate’. What are we doing to care for the world? What are we doing to care for the people of the world who have less than we do?

The Story

In today's gospel, the vineyard represents the Jewish nation. The owner is God. The servants represent the prophets sent by God to challenge and call back those who have lost their way. Many of these prophets were killed. The son who finally comes is of course Jesus!

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus told the chief priests and leaders to listen to this story:

"A land owner once planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it and dug a pit to crush the grapes in. He also built a lookout tower.

"Then he rented out his vineyard and left the country.

"When it was harvest time, the owner sent some servants to get his share of the grapes. But the renters grabbed those servants. They beat up one, killed one, and stoned one of them to death. He then sent more servants than he did the first time. But the renters treated them in the same way.

"Finally, the owner sent his own son to the renters, because he thought they would respect him. But when they saw the man's son, they said,

'Someday he will own the vineyard. Let's kill him! Then we can have it all for ourselves.' So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him."

Jesus asked, "When the owner of that vineyard comes, what do you suppose he will do to those renters?"

The chief priests and leaders answered, "He will kill them in some horrible way.

Then he will rent out his vineyard to people who will give him his share of grapes at harvest time."

Jesus replied, "Surely you know that the Scriptures say, 'The stone that the builders tossed aside is now the most important stone of all'. This is something the Lord has done, and it is amazing to us. I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken from you and given to people who will do what he demands."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

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Group Discussion

This parable can tell us much about God, the owner of the vineyard. It tells us that God trusts us. The owner rented out the vineyard and then the country trusting that it would be looked after. The parable also tells us that God is patient. Servant after servant is sent! Finally it tells about God's justice.

What is your image of God – who is God for you? What do you think God is like? What words or images describe how God loves, how God acts, how God is just?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader: We pray that our leaders will be honest people. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for countries at war. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for victims of road accidents. Lord, hear us.

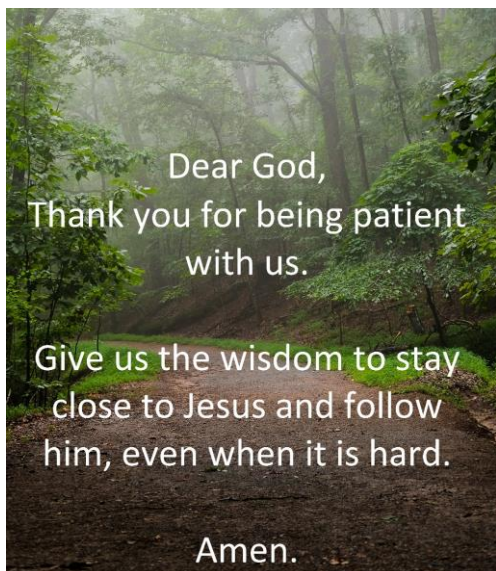
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our families and friends. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.



Prayer

Say this prayer together during the week.

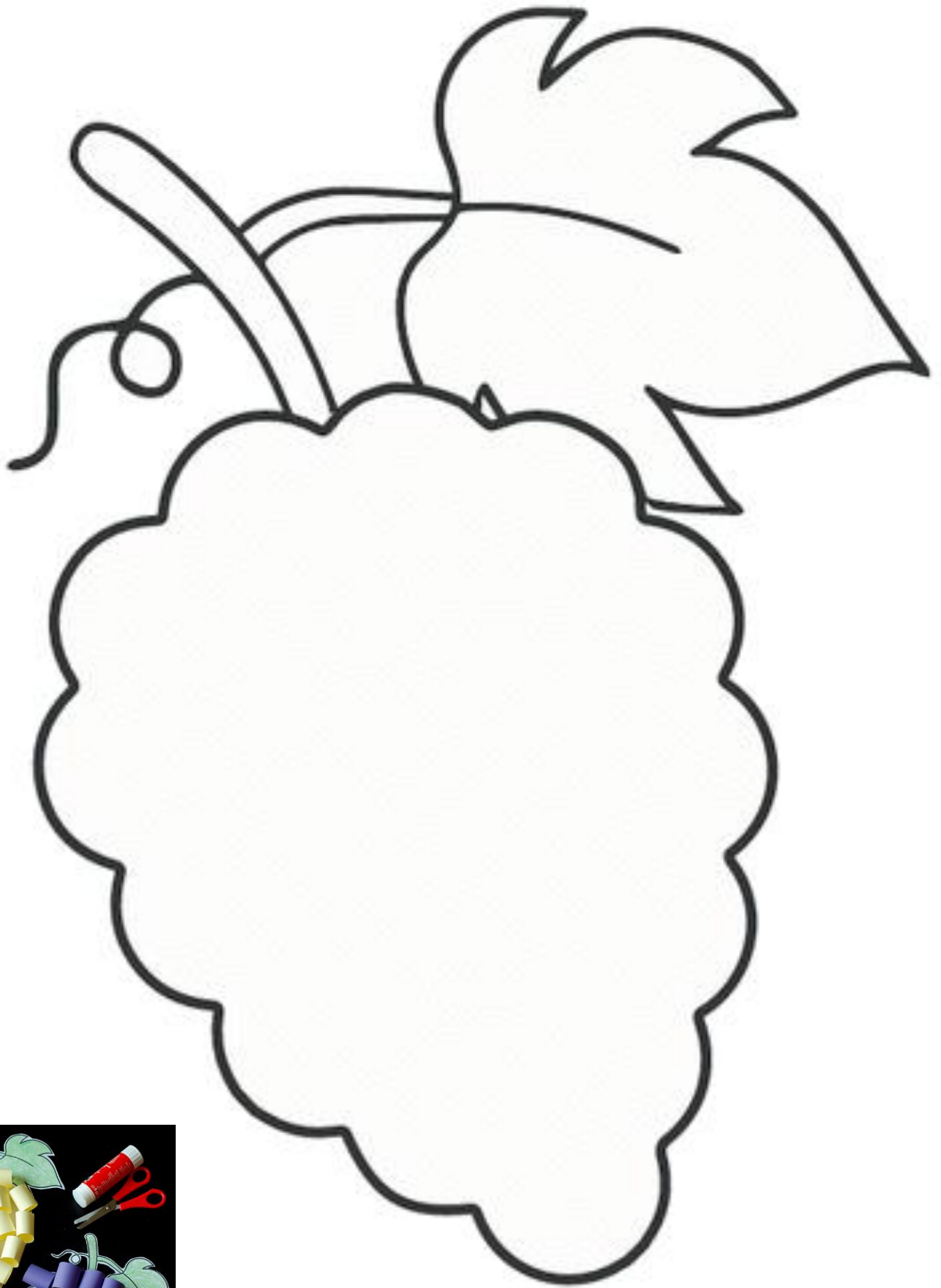
Group Activity

God is patient with us as we do our best to follow his Son, Jesus. Think about the patience of God and all the ways you can say 'Yes' to Jesus as you complete this week's activity.

You will need white paper, purple paper, scissors, glue and a green pencil.

- 1) Cut out the grapes template (next page).
- 2) Colour the leaf and stem green.
- 3) Cut out strips of purple paper as shown in the image.
- 4) Roll the purple strips as shown and glue them onto the grapes template.







JESUS TOLD THIS STORY.
A man planted grape vines.



He made a tower and built a wall
so that he could make wine.



He got people to look after it for him.
They grew the grapes and made the wine.



The owner then sent his son to collect the
grapes and the wine that belonged to him.
But the workers kicked him out
and wouldn't give him any.



WHEN THE OWNER COMES,
WHAT WILL HE DO?
Finish the story...



LOOK AFTER WHAT BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE