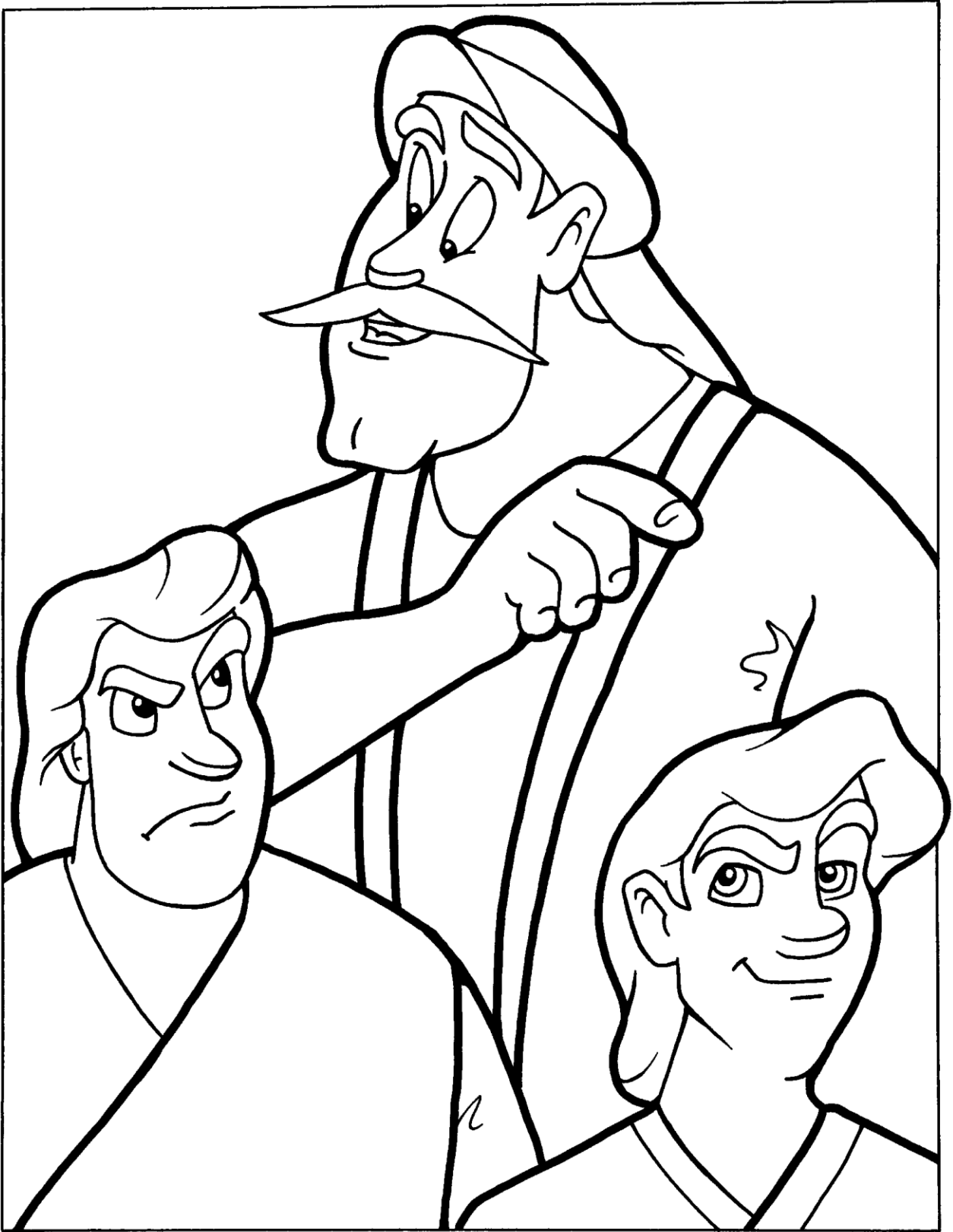


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 222: PARABLE OF TWO SONS
MATTHEW 21:28-32

"Tell me what you think about this: There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first son and said, 'Son, go and work today in my vineyard.' "The son answered, 'I will not go.' But later he changed his mind and decided he should go, and he went. "Then the father went to the other son and said, 'Son, go and work today in my vineyard.' He answered, 'Yes, sir, I will go and work.' But he did not go. Which of the two sons obeyed his father?" The Jewish leaders answered, "The first son." Jesus said to them, "The truth is, you are worse than the tax collectors and the wicked women. In fact, they will enter God's kingdom before you will. John came showing you the right way to live, and you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and wicked women believed John. You saw that happening, but you would not change. You still refused to believe him.

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing to the LORD" **COLOSSIANS 3:20**

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus told a story about a man who had sixteen sons.
2. He came to the first son and said, "Son, go and work today in my vineyard."
3. The son said, "No, I won't go." and he never went.
4. Then he went to his second son and said, "Son, go and work today in the house."
5. The second son said, "Yes, sir, I will go." but he never went.

Questions

1. When the father told the first son to go and work in his vineyard, what did the son say?
2. What happened after the first son said he wouldn't go work in his father's vineyard?
3. What did the second son say when his father told him to go and work in his vineyard?
4. Did the second son go and work in the vineyard?
5. Which son obeyed his father, the first one or the second one?
6. What did Jesus tell the Jewish leaders after He told the story?
7. BONUS QUESTION!!

Why did Jesus tell the Jewish leaders that the bad people would enter God's kingdom before them? Which son were they like? The first one? Or were they like the second son (the Jewish people were God's people, and by being Jewish, they agreed to obey God, but when God sent John the Baptist before Jesus came, they did not believe in him, so they were like the second son who said he would obey his father, but did not end up obeying him by believing in John the Baptist, the one that God sent.)

Lesson 222 Activity

ACT IT OUT!

Parable of the Two Sons

Select three children to act out the parable of the two sons. One child will be the father; the other two will be the sons. Instruct them to re-enact the scenes of the father requesting the sons to work in the vineyard.

After the scenes where the father makes his requests of his sons (one will answer in rebellion the other with submission), have the two sons reveal their true hearts. The first son, who answers in the negative, will have a change of heart, repent and go out into the field to work. The second son, who seemingly submits to his father, may come up with many excuses as to why obedience is not currently convenient.

Explain to your class the importance of obedience; it is a reflection of our hearts. [True repentance is shown by our obedience.](#)

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of repentance from self-will. If any children have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.