



THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-20
Mark 12: 1-12, 13-17

THIS WEEK

Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem, and is teaching in the temple. The religious leaders there confront him with questions meant to trap him (Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]).

STORY SUMMARY

The Wicked Tenants

Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem and is teaching about what will happen to him. When he tells today's parable, the religious leaders realize that he is speaking against them and confront him with questions meant to trap him. Jesus had just made the accusation that the religious leaders were going to kill him. They wanted to arrest him, but were afraid of the people. Jesus had gained a critical mass, and was too popular now to be dealt with easily. This would change their contentious relationship and bring it to a new level.

Today I Learned....

THE POINT

We are called to serve God and build God's kingdom.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Difficult Passages

The Bible has difficult passages that are hard for us to understand or accept. When we encounter them, first, it is important to understand the historical context. Sometimes, things were acceptable in the biblical context that are no longer acceptable today, and other things were simply understood differently. Second, there may be a difficulty in translation. Some issues arise out of trying to translate the original biblical languages of Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek into our modern languages. Finally, one can use the central message of Scripture—God's love and forgiveness—as a way to interpret other passages. At the core of the entire Bible is God's deep love for God's people.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the theme of The Power of the Kingdom?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Day 1—Read Mark 12:13-17

Taxes to the emperor

Have a family conversation of three ways you can serve God this week—either in the church or in the world.

Day 2 —Read Mark 12:18-27

The greatest commandment.

Cut out two hearts from construction paper. On one write, "Love God" and on the other "Love Your Neighbor." Run a string through both hearts and hang them somewhere you will see them regularly.

Day 3—Read Leviticus 19:13-18

Love your neighbor.

Do something kind for one of your neighbors.

Up & Coming @ Hope...

5th Graders & Parents!!

****March 3 @ the SC - 5th Grade 1st Communion Instruction!!**

****1-3 pm—5th Graders please bring your Bibles!**

March 20 & 24—Palm Wednesday/Sunday

****ALL CHILDREN will parade in worship!!**

2-5 Grade Children will sing in worship

April 3 & 7

Preschool—1st Grade Children will sing in worship

April 5—Family Night at West Campus! Stay Tuned Registration will open next week!!