

**TO HELP US STUDY**

1. What three things did the landowner do to improve his vineyard? _____

2. After the owner planted and built the vineyard, what did he do? _____

3. When he sent his servants to get the fruit, what did the tenants do? _____

4. When he sent more servants, what did the renters do to them? _____
5. Whom did he finally send to collect the rent? _____
6. What did the wicked tenants do to him? _____
7. When Jesus asked his listeners what the owner of the vineyard would do next, they answered: "He will bring those wretches to a _____, and he will rent the _____ to other _____, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."
8. In the parable, the owner of the vineyard symbolizes _____
the servants could be compared to _____
the son of the owner would be _____
the wicked tenants were really the _____
9. At the end of the parable, Jesus told the wicked Jewish leaders: "The _____ of God will be _____ from you and given to a _____ who will produce its fruit."
10. Who takes care of God's vineyard and gives him the fruit today? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Matthew 21:43, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."
Older ones—Matthew 21:43-46

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

On the back of this sheet list at least three other places in the Bible where the words of Matthew 21:42 are recorded. Tell what these words mean and what they have to do with the meaning of Jesus' parable.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Like all the parables of Jesus, this one about the vineyard has one main point—in this one, that the Jews were going to kill Him. It was told to point out the rebellious, sinful nature of the chief priests and Pharisees who heard our Lord tell it. If we intend for our children really to get its point, we must tell it in the light of Matthew 21:23-27. The Jewish leaders came to Jesus with wicked intent. But he was too smart for them. He outfoxed them and then denounced their wickedness in this parable. The symbolism of the parable was so obvious that even the Jewish leaders understood that Jesus was talking about them, calling them wicked tenants who withheld from God what was rightfully His.

As we teach our families this week, let's be sure our children see how this parable can apply to us in the church today.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Rom 14:8, 12; 1 Cor 4:2; 6:19-20; 1 Tim 6:20; 1 Pet 4:10; Ps 24:1; 50:10.