

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



Yes or No?- A Parable of Two Sons *Objects: None*
(Faithfulness in our service to God and to others. Proper 21 (26) Year A)

Has your mother or your father ever asked you to help out around the house by doing some chores?

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus told a story of two sons. The father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. One son answered, "No," but went and worked. The other son answered "yes" did not go.

In telling the story, Jesus wanted us to realize that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he tells us to "Love one another," but what he really wants is for us to love one another! Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he says, "Follow me," but what he really wants is for us to follow him! That's the kind of child I want to be.

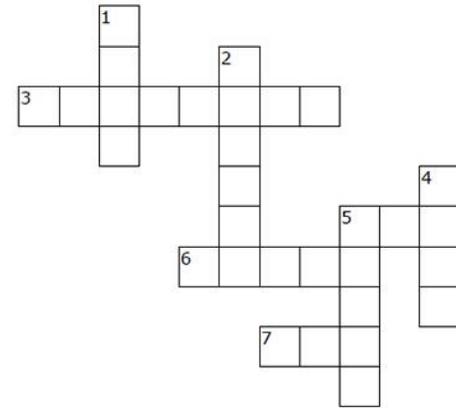
Father, sometimes we say, "Yes," but our actions say, "No." Help us to be faithful to do what you have called us to do. Amen

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia. (John 10:27)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. A place where grapes are grown
- 5. The number following one
- 6. A statement proven or accepted as accurate
- 7. An adult male

DOWN

- 1. A person's male children
- 2. A male parent
- 4. To perform a job or task
- 5. To have an opinion or idea about something

WORK	VINEYARD	TRUTH	THINK
TWO	MAN	SONS	FATHER

"LEAVES" MESSAGES: Draw several leaves for the child to cut out and glue to a piece of construction paper. Write messages on the leaves from today's story, such as SAY YES TO JESUS, FOLLOW JESUS, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, OBEY, FAITHFUL, etc.

BEE FAITHFUL CRAFT: Give the child supplies to draw a bee on their construction paper. Give them felt for the bodies and little chenille wires for the antennae. Glitter could be used for the bee's body as well. Give the child words from the lesson today to write on their Bee, such as "BEE" faithful, "BEE" loving, "BEE" following, "BEE" obeying, "BEE" loving, "BEE" willing! Write Matt 21: 28-32 at the bottom of the paper!

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

MATTHEW 21:28-32

