

“The Master’s Work”

[Matthew 21:23-32](#)

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Before you got here this morning the SCS Teacher divided the children into two groups. Then she said to this group “You are Group #1, the most important group. You are always on the honor roll, you have a Wii game at home, you are the best looking children and you are very popular.

Then she turned to the other group and said “You are only Group #2. You don’t have any nice toys, you don’t always get good grades in school, you don’t have a lot of friends and generally, people don’t think that you matter very much.”

“Hey!” said Barabas. “That’s not fair!”

“I know,” said the SCS Teacher. “But unfortunately that is how you happened to get grouped for the story this morning, whether it is fair or not.”

Now, the story begins!

The SCS Teacher told the class “Sometimes we might be surprised who is REALLY doing the work of their master. It might NOT be who you think!

“One day the master came (place Jesus figure) and said to Group #1 ‘Go and work in the vineyard today.’”

“Sure thing!” said everyone in Group #1. However, once the master was out of sight, they turned to each other and said “I don’t really feel like working in the vineyard. Let’s play soccer.” “Sure thing!” and off they went to the playground.

Then the master came to Group #2 and said “Go and work in the vineyard today.”

Group #2 said “Naw! We don’t really want to.” However, once the master was out of sight, they turned to each other and said “That IS the Master asking. I think we should do as we are told.” So Group #2 went into the vineyard and did a lot of work!

The SCS Teacher asks you “Who really did the work of the Master? Was it Group #1 who said ‘sure thing’ but played soccer instead? Or was it Group #2 who said ‘naw’ but then they actually DID DO the work of the Master?”

“Group #2! So, you see, being the most popular or the best looking or being important does not mean that you are doing what the Master has asked.



Elizabeth raised her hand with a question. “Is the Master Jesus?”

“Yes indeed, Jesus is the Master!”

“What does ‘work in the vineyard’ mean!” she asked.

“Jesus asks us to work to bring about God’s Love and Forgiveness to all the world.”

“Then,” Elizabeth said “I think that Group#1 should ALSO go out and work in the vineyard.” And they all agreed to do as the Master asked.

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