

THE GOSPEL

“Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. Then the man went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

They replied, ‘The first.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.’”

Matthew 21:28-32



THE KEY MESSAGE

It is never too late to choose what is right.

Jesus shows us that our actions matter more than our words. God is always ready to welcome us when we change, make a new start and choose to do what is right. We can give thanks for his love, patience and forgiveness.

REFLECTION – THINK, PRAY, DISCUSS

In this Gospel, one son said “no” but later changed his mind and did what his father asked. The other son said “yes” but did not do it. Jesus teaches us that it is our actions, not just our words, that show what we really believe.

Sometimes we make mistakes or don’t always make the best choices. But just like the first son, we can change, try again and choose to follow God.

This week, we think about all the good things in our lives and give thanks to God. When we are thankful, it helps us to notice the generosity, love and kindness around us, and it gives us the strength to do what is right, even when it is difficult.

Questions to think about:

- Why do you think the first son changed his mind?
- How do our actions show what we believe in?
- What are we thankful for?
- How can being thankful help us make good choices?

OUR STEPS TO A THANKFUL LIFE

1



NOTICE

Look for the good things in your day, big or small.

2



THANK

Say a quiet thank you to God for the people, gifts and opportunities in your life.

3



CHOOSE

Make the right choice, even when it is hard.

4



SHARE

Show your gratitude by being kind, helpful and generous to others.

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18



LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for always loving us and giving us another chance when we make mistakes.

Thank you for the people in our families, our friends, our school and our community.

Help us to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. Give us the courage to choose what is right and to follow you, even when it is hard.

May our thankful hearts lead us to kind actions, so that we can make the world a brighter place.



Amen.



THIS WEEK'S MISSION

Be Thankful in Action

This week, I will:

- ✓ Find three things to be thankful for each day and say a short prayer of thanks.
- ✓ Choose to do what is right, even when it is difficult.
- ✓ Show my gratitude by doing something kind for someone at home, in school or in my community.
- ✓ Say “thank you” to someone who helps me.
- ✓ Look for one way to make a positive change, like the first son in the Gospel.

A thankful heart sees God’s goodness every day.

