

MONDAY MISSION

Caring for God's world and bearing good fruit

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THIS WEEK'S WORD

Matthew 21:33-43

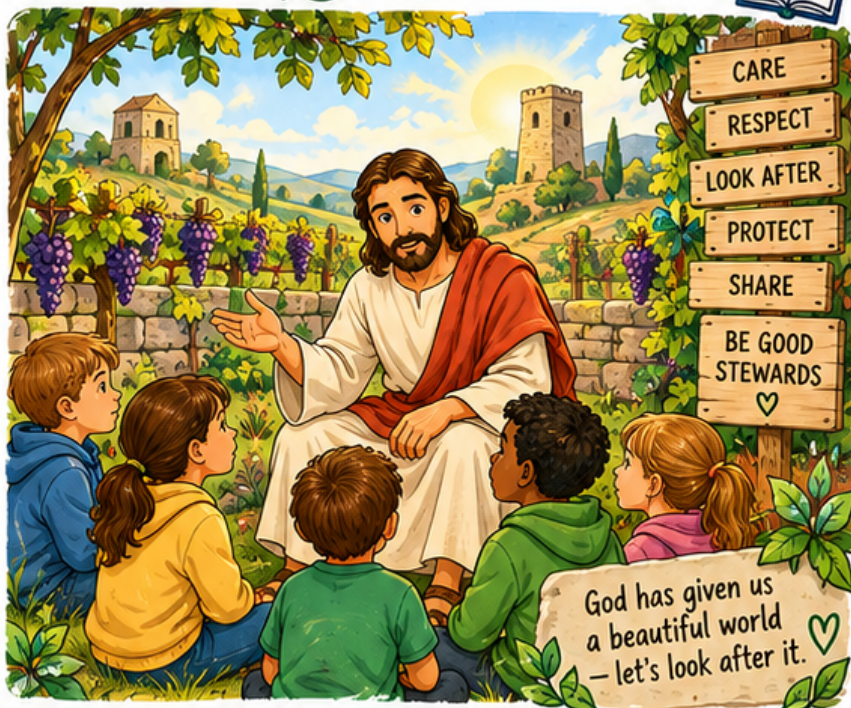
Focus: The Environment

THE GOSPEL

“Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’”

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.’”

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THE KEY MESSAGE



God gives us a beautiful world and entrusts it to us. Just like the owner of the vineyard, God gives us gifts and expects us to care for them and bear good fruit.

We are called to be responsible stewards of creation — looking after people, places and the environment, and making choices that show love, respect and gratitude for God's world.

REFLECTION – THINK, PRAY, DISCUSS

In this parable, the vineyard represents all that God has given us — the land, the people and the world we live in. The tenants did not look after it and did not produce the fruit the owner expected.

God has given us the responsibility to care for creation. When we look after our world, help others and make kind choices, we are bearing good fruit and showing that we appreciate God's gifts.

- ★ What does the vineyard represent in this story?
- ★ How do we look after God's world at home, at school and in our community?
- ★ What good fruit can we produce in our lives?

Questions to think about:

- What gifts has God given us in the world around us?
- How can we show more care and respect for God's creation?
- Are we producing good fruit with the gifts we have?
- What small changes could we make to help our environment this week?

OUR STEPS TO CARE FOR GOD'S WORLD



1



NOTICE

Look around and see the beauty in God's creation — the plants, animals and people.

2



REDUCE

Use less, waste less and make thoughtful choices.

3



RESPECT

Care for our school, our local area and all living things.

4



TAKE ACTION

Do something positive to help our environment and encourage others to do the same.

“The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.”

Psalms 24:1



LET US PRAY

Dear God,

Thank you for the beautiful world you have given us — the earth, the seas, the plants, the animals and all the people in our world.

Help us to be responsible stewards of your creation. Give us the wisdom to make good choices, the courage to make a difference and the kindness to care for everything around us.

May we always remember that your world is a gift, and help us to bear good fruit every day.



Amen.



THIS WEEK'S MISSION

Care for Creation

This week, I will:

- ✓ Choose one way to look after God's world (e.g. reduce waste, save energy or look after plants).
- ✓ Pick up litter or help make our school a cleaner, greener place.
- ✓ Be careful with water and electricity.
- ✓ Look for ways to protect nature (plants, animals and habitats).
- ✓ Say a prayer of thanks for the world around me and the people who care for it.



Grateful hearts care for God's world.

