

## The Parable of the Two Sons

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard. I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing, He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go." Matthew 21:28-30

### Reflection

In Jesus' parable of the two sons, the father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. Just as the two boys in my story, 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. Isn't it the kind of child you 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. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

### Gospel Activity

Let the children cut out and glue several leaves to a brown 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

What other words or phrases can you think of?

