

GOD KEEPS REACHING OUT

Jesus told a parable (a simple story with a deeper meaning) about a man who planted a vineyard (**this represents God's world and His people**) and then trusted workers to take care of it (**that's the people (especially leaders) who were supposed to follow God and care for others**). After some time, the owner sent servants to collect fruit from the vineyard (this means **lives that love God, obey Him, and show good actions**), but the workers were **mean, hurt them, and rejected them** and sent them away (**this represents the prophets God sent**) being rejected. The owner was very patient and kept giving them more chances, sending more servants, but they still refused to listen. Finally, he sent his own son (this is **Jesus**), thinking they would respect him, but they rejected him too. Through this story, Jesus is showing that **God is patient and keeps reaching out to people**, but if people continue to reject Him—even when He sends His own Son—there are real consequences, so the right response is to **listen to Him, follow Him, and not reject Him** while we have the chance.

WHAT THIS STORY TEACHES OUR HEARTS

God is patient and keeps reaching out to us, giving us many chances to listen and follow Him. But we still have to choose how we respond to Jesus, and that choice really matters.

BIBLE HUNT

Go back to the story and find the answers to each question. Write them down.

1. What did the vineyard represent?

2. Who did the workers represent?

3. What does the "fruit" or harvest mean?

4. Who were the servants?

5. Who does the son represent?

6. How did the workers treat the servants and the son?

7. What is the right way for us to respond to Jesus?

GOD KEEPS REACHING OUT TO US, AND OUR JOB IS TO LISTEN AND SAY YES TO JESUS.