The Parable of the Two Sons
(Middle and Upper Elementary)

September 27, 2020 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

In this week’s Gospel passage, Jesus tells a parable of two sons. One son tells the father he will not do what the father asks but then does it. The other son tells the father that he will do what the father asks but then does not. In this lesson, students will consider if they live in a way is faithful to God not only with their words but also with their actions.

Directions

A. Have your students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions.
B. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the focus questions.
C. Have your students read the reflection and complete the Creating a Spiritual Plan activity.
D. Gather students together and discuss one way they plan to improve their spiritual lives this week.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. The first son says he will not work in the vineyard.
2. He changes his mind and does what his father asks.
3. The second son replies “Yes, sir,” but then does not go out to work in the vineyard.
4. Jesus asks the chief priests and the elders which of the two sons did his father’s will, and they reply that it was the first son.
5. Tax collectors and prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before them.
6. They did not believe in John the Baptist.