

3 FOR THIRTY

Every day, set aside 30 minutes to sit down together as a family to do the following:

1. Reading

- Spend 10 minutes reading Matthew 21:33-46 together.
- Divide it among your family so that everyone gets a chance to read.
- Ask the question, “*what stands out to you from this text?*”

The Parable of the Tenants

“33 “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. 35 “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. 38 “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? 43 “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.”

2. Praying

- Spend 10 minutes praying together.
- Find a quiet space that your family can gather together. Adults, lead the prayer time and invite your students to join in.
- Ask the questions, “*who do we need to pray for?*”; “*what needs are we aware of within our family, friend, and neighbor circles?*”

3. Journaling

- Spend 10 minutes journaling together.
- Have paper and something to write with ready.
- Write down what stood out to you from the text you read as a family.
- Write down what you can remember from prayer time. (Thoughts about specific people, places, or events that were prayed for, as well as any personal thoughts.)

4. Repeat Daily