

## Scripture Passage: Luke 20: 9-19

**Story Point:** Do you like to hear stories? Did you know that Jesus liked to tell stories? The stories that Jesus told were called parables, and he used them to teach his followers about right and wrong. He told parables to help people visualize and understand a lesson he was teaching. In the parable of the wicked tenants, Jesus spoke of a landowner who planted a vineyard and rented it to tenants when he left town. After the harvest, the landowner sent three different servants to collect fruit as his payment, but the tenants mistreated and beat everyone the landowner sent. Finally, the landowner decided to send his own son, thinking that the tenants would surely not harm him. However, the tenants recognized the son as the heir to the land and killed him, thinking that they might inherit the land. Jesus went on to further explain that when the landowner went back to the vineyard, he would kill those tenants and give the vineyards to others.

### Discussion Questions:

- Who does the owner of the vineyard represent in this parable?
- Who do the tenants represent in this parable?
- Who do the servants represent in this parable?
- Who does the owner's son represent in this parable?
- What does the parable tell us will happen to the wicked tenants?
- What is the owner's response to the wicked tenants?
- What is Jesus trying to tell the people in this parable?
- What does the Parable of the Wicked Tenants teach about God's judgment and grace?
- How does the Parable of the Wicked Tenants speak to our responsibility as stewards of God's grace and gifts?

