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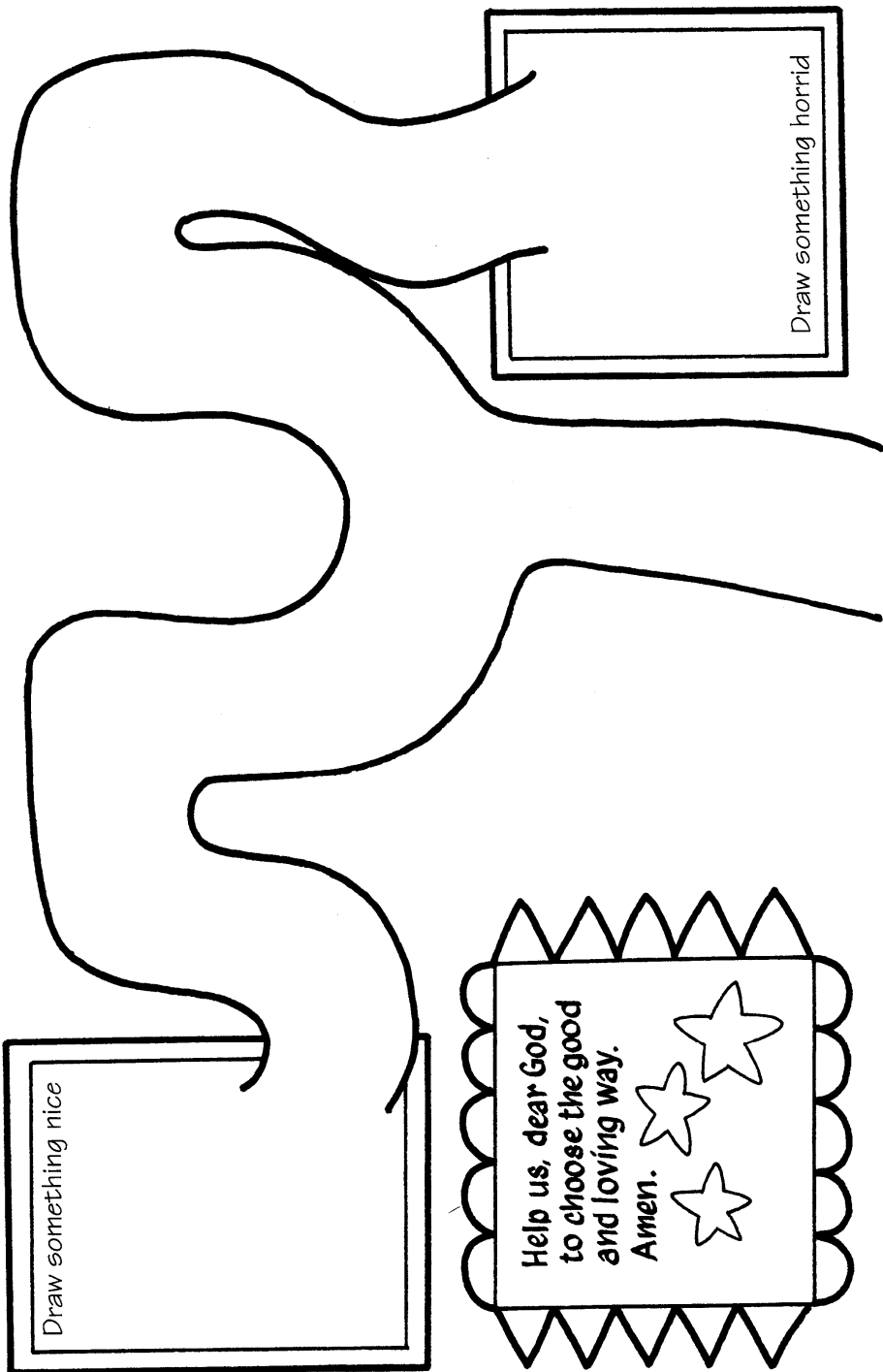


The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1 October, 2023

Matthew 21:28-31

"Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.' The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went. The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.' But he never went. Which of the two sons did what the father asked?" They said, "The first."

Dear God, when I have to choose between two things, help me to choose the good and loving way. **Amen**



Word Search: Matthew 21:23-32 (CEV)

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Crossword: Matthew 21:23-32 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

12 across) Jesus had gone into the _____ and was teaching when the _____

28 across) chief priests and the _____ of the people came up to him.

25 across) They _____, "What right do you have to do these things?"

9 down) Who gave you this _____?"

4 down) Jesus answered, "I have just one _____ to ask you. If _____

20 down) you _____ it, I will tell you where I got the right to do _____

14 down) these things. Who gave John the right to _____? Was it _____

1 across) _____ in heaven or merely some human being?"

18 across) They _____ it over and said to each other, "We can't say _____

10 across) that God gave _____ this right. Jesus will ask us why we _____

26 across) didn't _____ John. On the other hand, these people think _____

19 down) that John was a _____, and we are afraid of what they _____

24 down) might do to us. That's why we can't say that it was _____

7 across) some _____ who gave John the right to baptize." So they _____

5 down) told Jesus, "We don't _____."

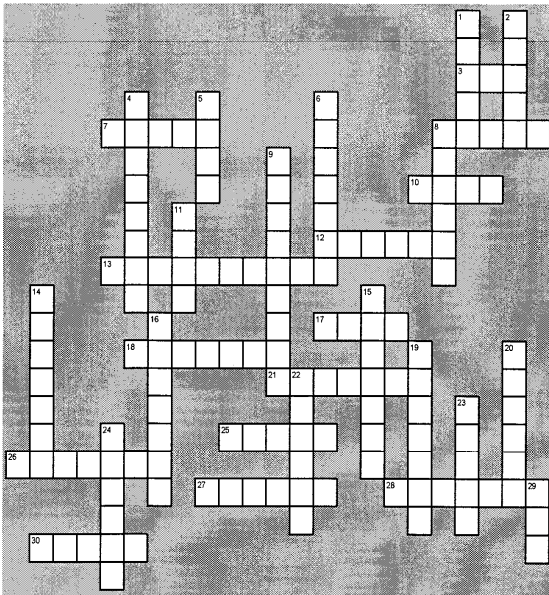
11 down) Jesus said, "Then I won't _____ you who gave me the _____

1 down) _____ to do what I do."

8 across) Jesus said: I will tell you a _____ about a man who had _____

27 across) two sons. Then you can tell me what you think. The _____

2 down) went to the _____ son and said, "Go work in the vineyard _____



29 down) today!" His _____ told him that he would not do it, but _____

16 down) later he _____ his mind and went. The man then told his _____

21 across) _____ son to go work in the vineyard. The boy said he _____

22 down) would, but he didn't go. Which one of the sons _____ his father?"

6 down) The older one, the chief _____ and leaders answered. _____

13 across) Then Jesus told them: "You can be sure that tax _____

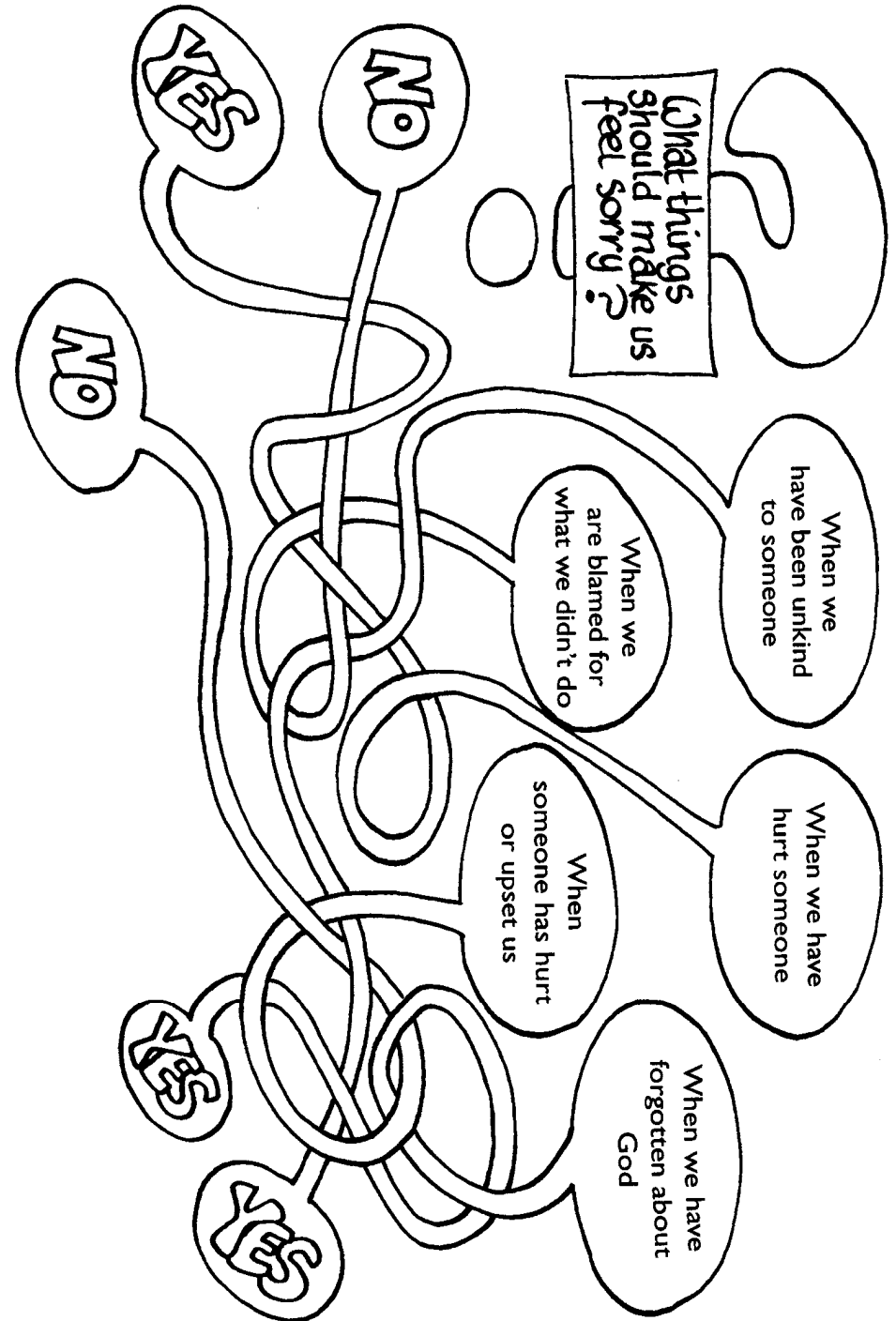
15 down) and prostitutes will get into the _____ of God before _____

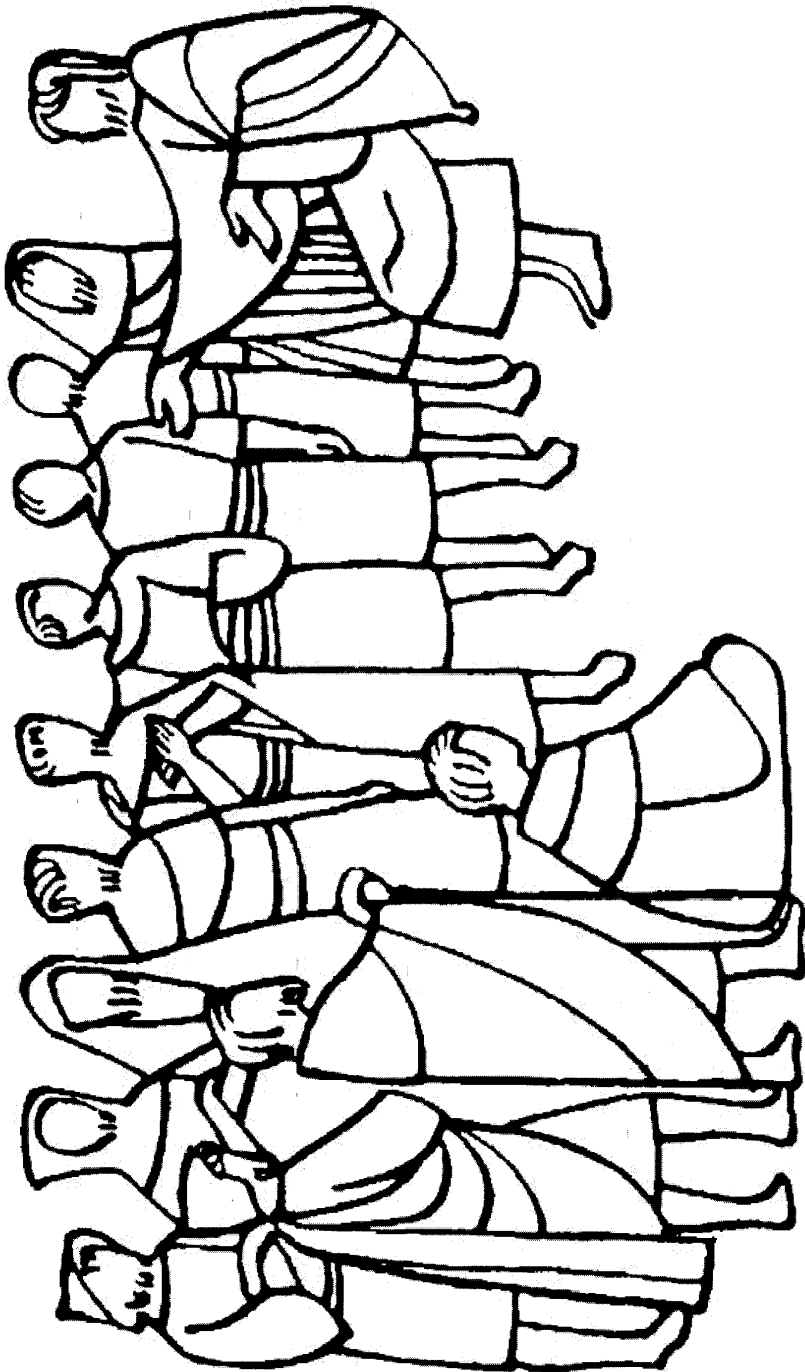
8 down) you ever will! When John the Baptist _____ you how to do _____

17 across) right, you would not believe him. But these _____ people did _____

30 across) believe. And even when you saw what they did, you _____

23 down) would not change your _____ and believe. _____





Jesus taught in the temple. Draw the faces and color the people.

LORD, MAY OUR ATTITUDE BE THE SAME AS THAT OF CHRIST JESUS, WHO BEING IN VERY NATURE GOD, DID NOT CONSIDER EQUALITY WITH GOD SOMETHING TO BE GRASPED, BUT MADE HIMSELF NOTHING, TAKING THE VERY NATURE OF A SERVANT, BEING MADE IN HUMAN LIKENESS AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLIED HIMSELF AND BECAME OBEDIENT TO DEATH — EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS!

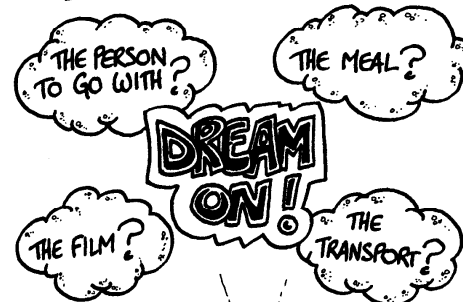
CHOICES

HOW ARE WE ABLE TO CHOOSE?

Our brains are able to see several possible routes. Our conscience tells us which is right and which is wrong. Our will enables us to make the choice.

WHY DIDN'T GOD MAKE US PROGRAMMED FOR RIGHT AND GOOD?

In a way we are — we can usually tell right from wrong, even if we don't choose wisely. But if we *had* to do right, we would be robots, not free humans, able to love by making 'self' take a back seat.



POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES?

