

Virtual Sunday Club
The Vineyard Isaiah 5:1-7

The Big Idea

Isaiah told a parable about a vineyard that God lovingly cared for, but it only bore bad fruit, so God promised to judge it and make it into a wasteland.

The Aim

To teach that we cannot make excuses for our sin, but those who hear God's warning, repent and trust in Jesus can be confident that the judgement they deserve has already fallen on God's Son.

Memory Verse

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

Discussion questions:

1. Please see the activity sheets at the bottom.

For the older children: Read Isaiah 5:1-7

- What gives God the right to judge people?
- Who is to blame for God's judgment?

Activity

- Cut the page in half as indicated
- Cut along the bold lines on the top half of the page
- Colour in the pictures
- Glue the top half over the bottom half
- Lift the vineyard and hedge to reveal God's people and their enemies

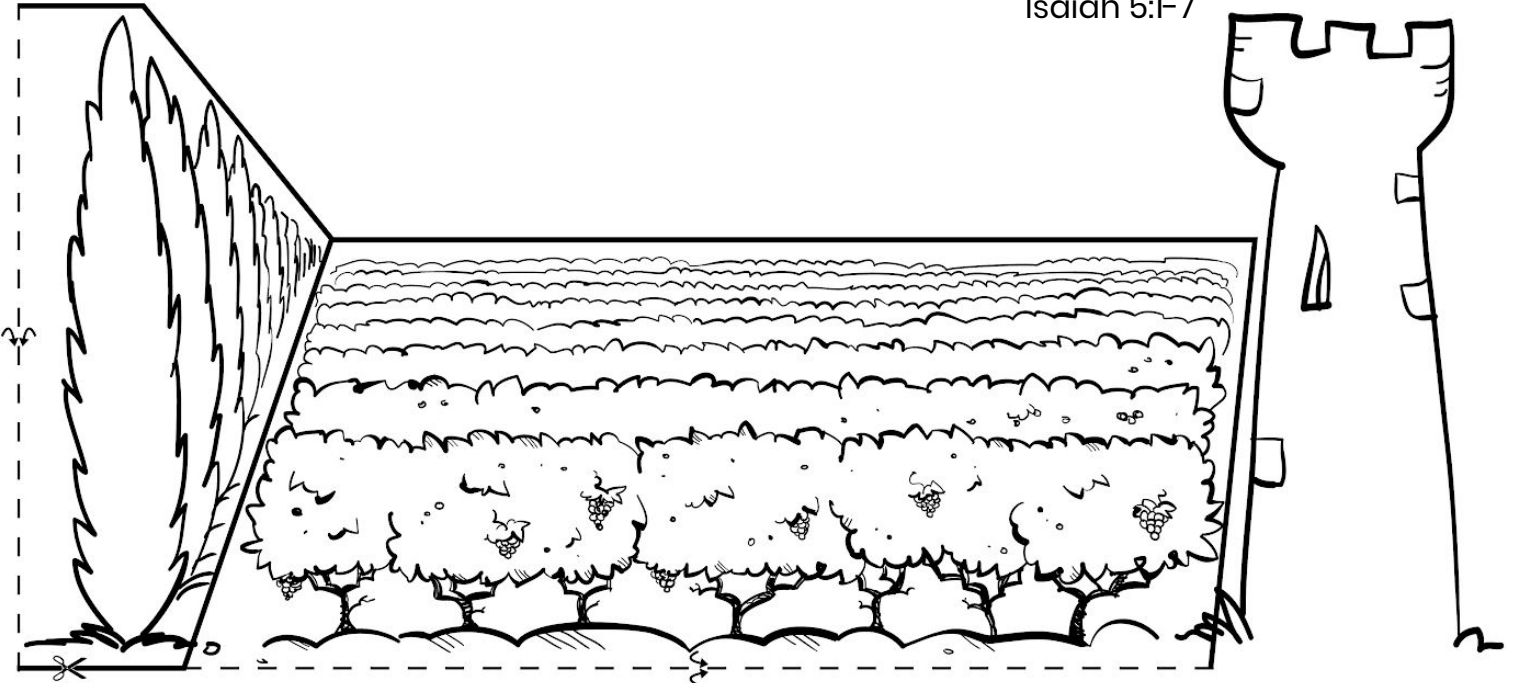
Isaiah 5:1-7

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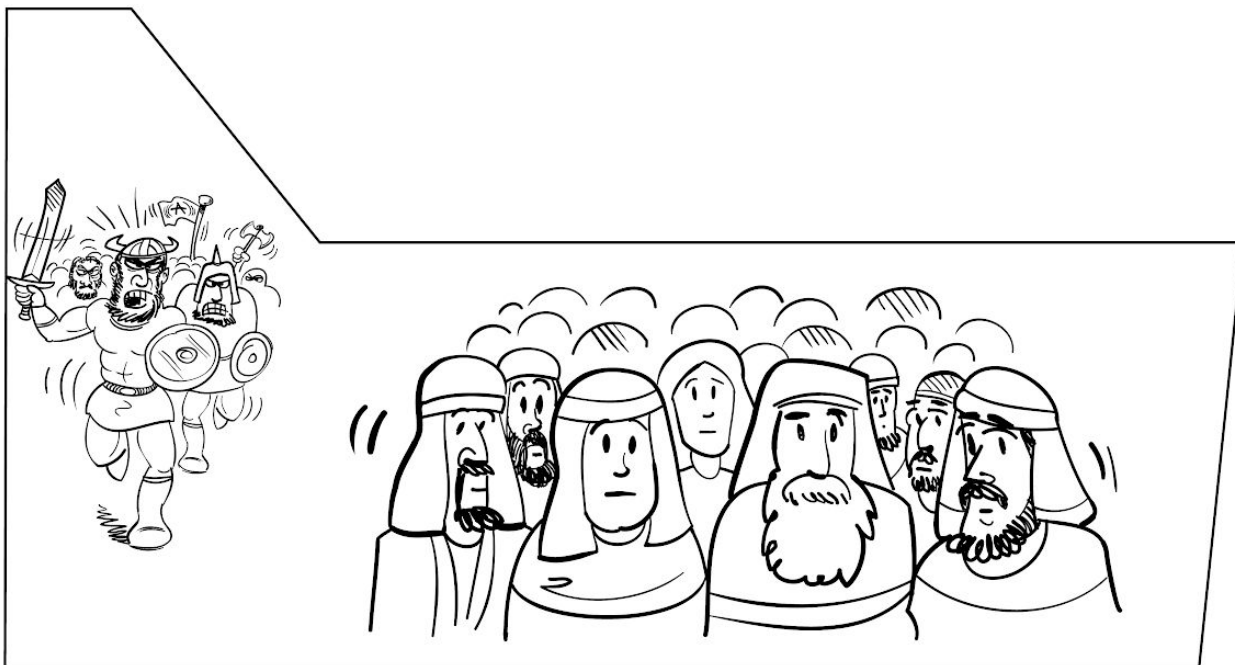
- GRAPES
- GOD
- VINE
- TREES
- FRUIT
- JESUS
- OWNER
- JUDGEMENT
- GOOD
- ISRAEL
- GROW
- WINEPRESS
- PROTECTED
- JUST
- SIN
- WASTE
- WATCHTOWER
- CARED

God rescued and cared for Israel like a good farmer does for his vineyard, but the people did not live in a way that pleased him.

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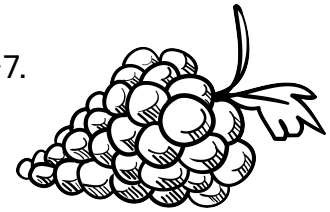
Lift the flaps to see what would happen when God took his protection away from his people.



The Vineyard

The true story of Isaiah's prophecy can be found in Isaiah 5:1-7.

Discover



Draw lines to connect each element of the parable with what it represents.

Vineyard owner

Nation of Israel

Fertile hillside

Protection from enemies

Vineyard

Judah

Vines

Promised land

Hedge / wall

God

The vineyard owner built a winepress because he expected fruit from the vine. What did God expect from his people? (5:7) Cross out all the wrong answers.

grapes

justice

leaves

righteousness

Which of the above words means:

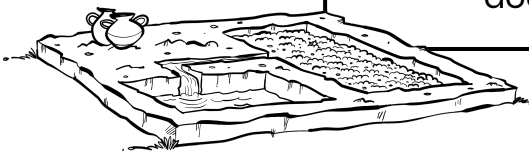
- fairness? _____
- living in a right relationship with God as your king? _____

Think



Is it reasonable for God to expect his people to live in a particular way? Why/why not?

Is God's response to disobedience fair? How does his response make you feel about God?



Discuss

What has God done to warn people of his judgment?
How patient has he been in delaying his judgment?

What has God done so that people can escape his judgment?
Why do some people reject this offer?

How would you know if someone has repented of their rebellion against God? How would this show in their life?

If a bad vine bears bad fruit and a good vine bears good fruit, then what would need to change for someone's behaviour to change?
How is this possible?

