**One Question** Find the 29 **bold** words from Matthew 21:23-27 (ESV)

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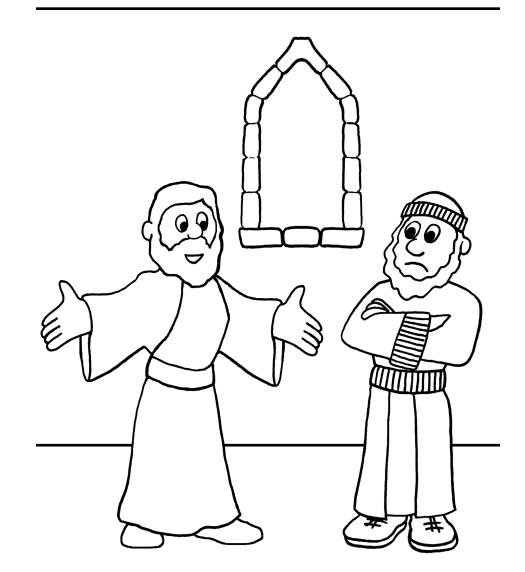
And when he **entered** the **temple**, the **chief priests** and the **elders** of the people came up to him as he was **teaching**, and said, "By what **authority** are you doing these things, and who **gave** you this authority?" **Jesus answered** them, "I also will **ask** you **one question**, and if you **tell** me the **answer**, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The **baptism** of **John**, from where did it come? From **heaven** or from **man**?" And they **discussed** it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not **believe** him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are **afraid** of the **crowd**, for they all **hold** that John was a **prophet**." So they answered Jesus, "We do **not know**." And he said to them, "**Neither** will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

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## **Today's Gospel Lesson**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 1, 2023

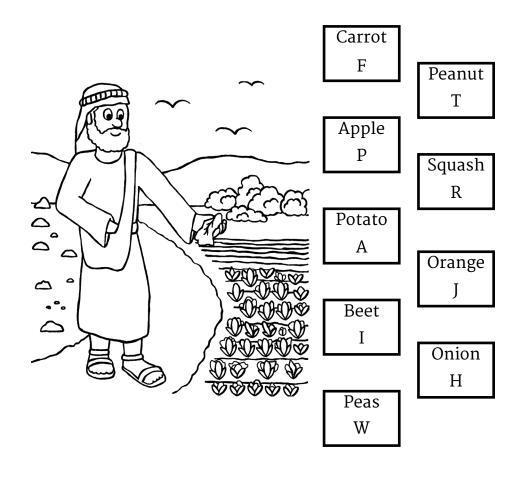


God gave Jesus the authority to preach, teach and heal. But not everyone accepted this.

## **Children's Worship Pages**

Jesus told a parable (story), teaching us what it means to truly obey him. To learn the point of the parable, solve the puzzle below:

A farmer is planning to harvest some crops. Soon, he will dig up the vegetables that grow underground. Which ones are those? Circle them, and write the letters on the lines below. Arrange the letters into a word to complete the sentence.



Our actions show our

When we obey God, it makes him happy. But to obey, we need to know what God wants us to do.

Solve this puzzle by counting up by twos, starting at the arrow. Write the letters you pick up along the way on the lines below.

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How do we learn how God wants us to live?

"Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way." (Psalm 25:9-10)

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