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## SPY REPORTS ON JESUS 10

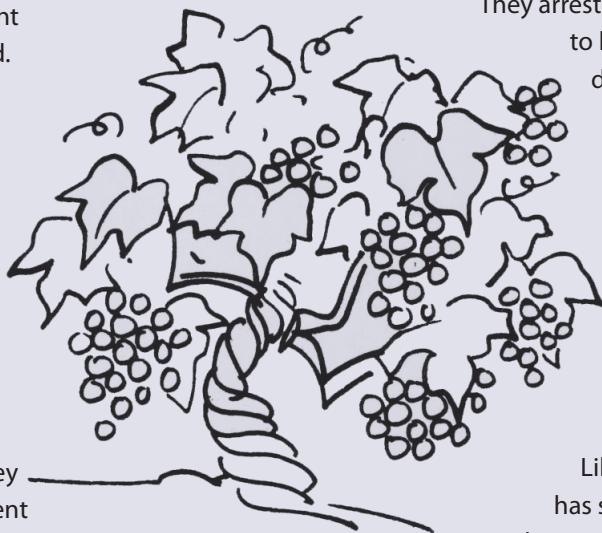
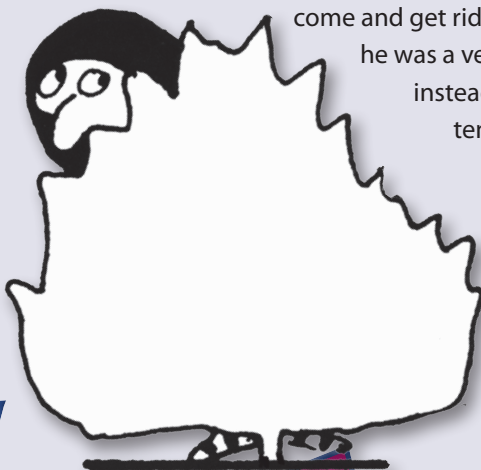
The spies the Pharisees had sent to investigate Jesus were still hiding in the crowd. They were listening to everything Jesus said and watching all he did to report back to their masters, the Pharisees. The Pharisees were so jealous of Jesus that they were plotting to kill him. But they still needed to find some bad things as charges against Jesus so that they could condemn him to death. Then Jesus told everyone this story.

## NOT ANGER BUT LOVE

There once was a man who bought some land and planted a vineyard. He made a wall around it, dug a hole for treading the grapes into wine and built a tower to keep watch over the grape vines. Then he had to go on a long journey. So he hired the vineyard to tenants, who agreed to pay him rent each harvest.

At the first harvest he sent a servant to collect the rent. But they grabbed him and beat him and sent him back with nothing. So the owner sent another servant and they treated him the same way. The third servant was also badly beaten and sent back without anything.

The owner felt very angry. He wanted to come and get rid of the tenants. But he was a very kind man and so instead of punishing the tenants he decided to show them love instead of anger. He said: "I'll send my own son. They have treated my servants very badly, but they will respect my son."



But when the tenants looked from the watchtower and saw the son coming, they said: "Look, here comes the son who will inherit the vineyard. Come, let's kill him and then the vineyard will be ours."

And that's what they did. They grabbed the son, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Jesus asked the crowd: "What will the owner do next?" Someone shouted: "He'll come himself for sure and get rid of those evil men and find new tenants to give him his rent at harvest time."

The spies went back to the Pharisees and told them the story. The Pharisees knew it was a story about themselves, but they didn't listen to Jesus.

A few days later they did just what Jesus said they would.

They arrested Jesus. They held mock trials to have him wrongly condemned to death. Then they nailed him to a cross outside the city of Jerusalem. Jesus died on a Friday and was buried.

Very early on Sunday morning, God raised his Son Jesus back to life. He came and met with his friends who saw him alive several times before he went back to be with God his Father in heaven.

Like the owner of the vineyard, God has shown great love for us by sending his own Son Jesus to live in this world and die for us. Since God brought Jesus back to life, we know that he really is God's Son. He died so our sins can be forgiven. We need to admit we are sinners, turn away from our sins and thank Jesus for dying for us. Have you ever prayed a prayer to do this?

**Be a Spy! Check out the story for yourself in the Bible. It's filed under Matthew 21: 33 – 46. Read it for yourself.**

## A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for loving me so much that you died to take away my sins. Please forgive me for all the wrong things I've done. I'm glad you are alive. I want to be your friend and follow you always.

**Amen.**



# TOP SECRET SPY REPORT

## BE a SPY!

Find out who's who in Jesus' story. The boxes below are mixed up. Draw lines to join the ones that match. One is done for you.

The owner of the vineyard	The Old Testament prophets
The tenants	Jesus
The servants	God
The son	The Pharisees

Check your answers somewhere else on this page. Copy the matching pairs into your Top Secret Spy Notebook or onto your computer file as your Spy Report.

# TOP SECRET VERSE

## BE a SPY!

Fill in the blanks in this verse. The missing words are listed below.

For G \_ \_ \_ I \_ \_ \_ \_ the w \_ \_ \_ \_  
so much that he gave his only S \_ \_ \_ , so that  
e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ who b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in  
him may not d \_ \_ \_ but have e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
I \_ \_ \_ \_ .

Here are the missing words. The letters are muddled and so is the order of the words.

overeyn voled dgo larten  
drowl sno evesible file ied

To check your answer look up John 3:16 in a Good News Bible. Copy the verse into your Top Secret Spy Notebook or onto your computer file and memorise it.

## MAKE JESUS' STORY INTO a PUPPET PLAY

Make paper tube finger puppets. Draw faces on strips of paper. Draw each face in the middle of the top of the paper strip.



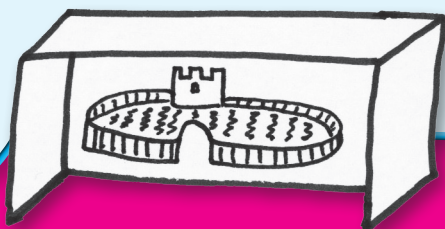
Roll the strips to make finger-sized tubes and stick them with sellotape.

You will need 7 puppets: (1) the owner of the vineyard; (2) and (3) two tenants; (4), (5) and (6) three servants, and (7) the son.

**Either** imagine the vineyard **or** draw it on cardboard as a backdrop for the play. You could make a shoe-box theatre.

You will need 2 people to act the play. One person acts the two tenants. The other person acts all the other roles – the vineyard owner, the three servants and the son. This person will need to change fingers for the puppets. Only one is on the stage at a time.

**Either** get someone else to read the story and mime it with the puppets **or** act it by making the puppets speak. Practice the play and then perform it for your family or friends.

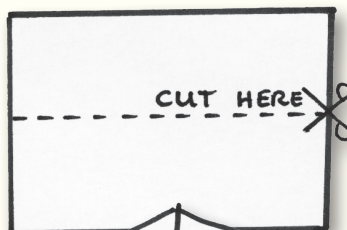


## MAKE a GOOD NEWS BOOK

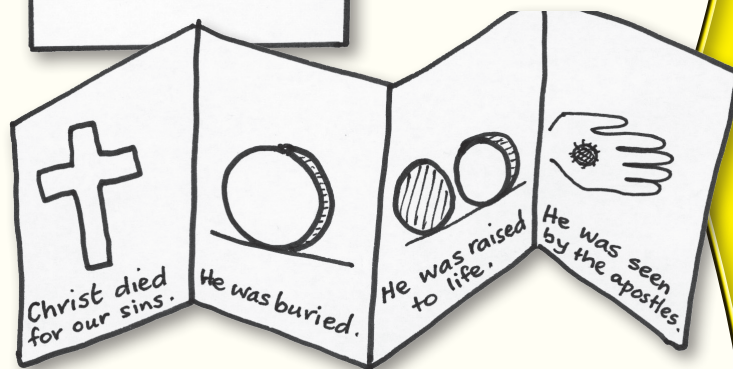
You will need an A4 sheet of paper, scissors and pens.

First read 1 Corinthians 15: 3 – 5. This tells us the four parts of the Gospel or God's Good News about Jesus.

Now make a book about this. Fold and cut the A4 paper in half long ways like this:



You will only need **one** of these half pieces. Fold it into four to make a concertina book.



Now draw four pictures for the four parts of the Good News. Write the captions under the pictures. Write "God's Good News" on the front cover as the title of your book. Fold it and read it to your family and friends.

## Answers to Top Secret Spy Report:

- The owner of the vineyard → God
- The tenants → The Pharisees
- The servants → The Old Testament prophets
- The son → Jesus