

Point of the day: Jesus wants us to change our old ways, and accept Him as our friend and Saviour

Memory verse: “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins.... New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved.”

STORY (Matthew 9:17)

‘And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved.’

Jesus told a parable about wine and wineskins. (Explain what wine is, and that long ago people would store their wine in leather bags called wineskins – show them the picture below).



He said that it isn't a good idea to put new wine into an *old* wineskin - it should be put into a *new* wineskin.

He said this to show people that when they become friends with Jesus, they need to change. They need to stop their old way of thinking and behaving so that they can receive His teaching, and enjoy talking to and growing in friendship with Him.

His parable of the wineskins sounds confusing so let's illustrate it like this:

(Fill two large glasses with water. Pull out the small glass and say something like...)

We're going to pretend that this is you.

(Now pull out one of the large glasses filled with water.)

And we're going to pretend that this is all the great stuff Jesus wants to teach you.

(Pour the large glass of water into the small cup and let it overflow.)

What happened? Why did the water spill out?

Jesus said we can't learn everything He wants to teach us unless we change.

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(Pull out the large empty glass.)

We have to change our lives. That means we have to stop doing the wrong things we do and start doing the right things.

It means we have to believe in Jesus and give Him our lives.

Then, we will be able to learn all the great things Jesus wants to teach us.

(Pull out the second large glass of water and pour it into the large empty glass.)

If we want to learn everything Jesus wants to teach us, we have to be ready to change our lives.

PRAYER

Close your eyes. I want you to think for a second to yourself and ask Jesus if there's anything in your life He wants you to change... Ask Him if you're doing anything bad that He wants you to stop doing... Ask Him if there's anything good that He wants you to start doing.

If your child is ready and willing they might like to take this opportunity to ask Jesus to be their Saviour. They can say this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen.

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Keys of Salvation

Colour in and cut out the keys. Use a hole punch and use the string to attach the keys together.

Don't forget to read the Bible verses!



