

**(Through a different lens)****Chat with the Children**

- **Happy families**, matching cards (cards from "HappyFamilies" file)
  - got to match people up, connect the card with their family, and who they really are...
- Jesus sometimes told stories where we have to match up the characters in the story with people in real life:
  - am I in this story...?
- *Tell a brief overview of the story, and wonder who different characters might be...*

**Introduction**

- Am I in this story?
  - Helen and my sermon illustrations!
  - Alan and his talk at CLAN
  - Citylife DVD segment...
  - am I in this story...?

**So who's who?**

- Start with the Pharisees, and who they are in the story
  - **tenants**
- Then rest of characters:
  - **landowner**
  - **servants**
  - **son**
- Then come round again and look at who is who today:
  - landowner still God!
  - servants still mostly OT prophets, but also NT writers and any of God's servants who are rejected because of their allegiance to God, because their words or lifestyle challenge and confront people
  - son is still Jesus!
  - who are the tenants?
  - **us?**

**So?**

- *(Comprehending whole of Old Testament...)*
- Partly specific to Jesus' day, with a clear sense of the Jews who rejected Jesus being replaced by Gentiles who accepted him
  - but that sense of acceptance or rejection still echoes today... brought up in church, heritage of faith...? But accept the Son?
- *Flesh out what it means to accept the Son*
- James 1:23-25 says:
  - (23) *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror (24) and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. (25) But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.*