

## **Children's Sermon for Sept. 27 (based on Mt.21:23-32)**

**Items Needed:** window, a jacket.

(Stand by window) When you look out a window, you can tell whether it's day or night, whether it's sunny or rainy. But you can't tell whether it's warm or cold. So let's pretend you are looking out a window one morning. You might ask, "Is it warm or cold outside?" Let's pretend one person said, "It is cold outside. You need a jacket (bring out jacket)" But another person said, "it is not that cold outside. You don't need a jacket." (hide the jacket) Which person would you listen to? How could a visitor tell which of those two people you listened to---by whether or not you put on your jacket? In today's Bible reading, some people ask Jesus about something called, "authority." "Authority" is just a word that means, why should we listen to you? Maybe, if someone was telling you to put on your jacket, and someone else was telling you that you don't need a jacket, maybe you would listen more to the person who you feel loves you more. We listen to Jesus, we give him authority, because we believe Jesus is the One Who loves us the most.

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