

LESSON 2 -Virginia Begins To Grow**A COLONY BUILT ON SMOKE**

You read in Lesson 1 that the first years at Jamestown were filled with troubles. But life began to get better after 1614. That year, a colonist named John Rolfe married Pocahontas. Their marriage brought peace between the colonist and the Powhatan.

Rolfe also found a way for the colonist to make money. Smoking was just becoming popular in England. So Rolfe worked at growing tobacco until he found a type that was “strong, sweet, and pleasant as any under the sun.”

In England, Rolfe’s Tobacco was worth its weight in gold. King James I hated the “stinking weed.” Smoking, he said, was “hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs.” But his people did not listen. They puffed away on pipes filled with tobacco.

Jamestown went tobacco crazy. Colonist planted it everywhere – even in the streets and in the graveyard.

Then in 1618, the Virginia Company encouraged colonist to plant even more tobacco by giving them land of their own. Until then, everyone worked on land owned by the company. And as John Smith wrote, “Glad was he who could slip from his labor or sleep on the job.” When the colonist worked on their own land, they did in a day what had once taken a week.

PASSAGE SAMPLE (Partner Reading)**Mark 5:39-42 - King James Version (KJV)**

³⁹And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

⁴⁰And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

⁴¹And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, **Talitha Cumi**; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

⁴²And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

SCRIPTURE SAMPLE (Silent Reading)**Matthew 21:28-32 - King James Version (KJV)**

²⁸But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard.

²⁹He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

³⁰And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

³¹Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

³²For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

1. What did the father command his first son to do?
2. What was his initial response? What did he ultimately do?
3. What do you think will happen next?
4. Were you right?
5. Where is the setting? Who are the characters?
6. What is the main lesson of this parable?