[Narrator] Today we are going to hear a story from the beginning of Jesus' ministry. We'll learn that for Jesus, people are more important.

Let's meet our characters. First there are two disciples, let's call them Peter and James. Next there is the Pharisee, Pharisee's were famous because they knew all about all of the rules for living with God and some of them enjoyed nothing more than telling you when you'd broken one of them.

Finally, there is Jesus

[Narrator] As our story begins, lots of people are following Jesus. They are all walking together, talking with each other and with Jesus and just having a fantastic time.

[Peter] This is so exciting. Jesus has been healing people and I'm so thrilled that he asked us to follow him.

[James] Well, I am excited to, but so many people are trying to find him and to get cured that we have to stay out here in the country. We can't go into the villages because the crowds would get to big. There's nothing to eat, and I'm getting really hungry. I wonder if we could go off and find breakfast somewhere.

[Peter] Well, we're in the middle of a field of wheat, Maybe we could eat a little now and that would hold us together until we can get to a village.

[James]Yes, that's a good idea, I think I'd like some wheat, just a little to tide me over.

[Peter] But that’s against the rules. You know that today is the Sabbath and we are not allowed to work…and breaking open the wheat to eat it is work. Plus you can bet the Pharisee following us will be watching us even more than usual to catch us breaking a rule. Do you think we should ask Jesus?

[James] He's busy, and I’m really hungry. Besides you know the rules that say that people who are poor are supposed to be able to take a little food from fields if they need to, and I certainly feel pretty poor right now so that should qualify.

[Peter] Well when you look at it that way it sounds good to me. Here have some wheat..

[James and Peter take wheat and start to open pods]

[Pharisee looks at them, comes out of group and faces Jesus he has a container with food in it]

[Pharisee] Mr. Jesus, I'm sure you didn't realize that some of your followers were taking wheat from the fields and eating it, on the Sabbath!! That is certainly work, and I'm quite sure that you know that you are never supposed to work on the Sabbath.

[Jesus] Oh, did they take lots of wheat?

[Pharisee] Well no, they only took a little, but in order to eat it they have to break the wheat pods and that is work. So they've been doing work on the Sabbath and they aren't supposed to do that. What are you going to do about it?

[Jesus] hmm, Why do you think that they might be eating some wheat?

[Pharisee] Well, they are probably hungry. I just don't know why they didn't plan ahead like I always do. When the Sabbath is coming, I always make sure that I have done what I have to so that I have some food ready to eat. I do that so that I don't have to worry about doing work and breaking God's law about preparing food on the Sabbath. Of course, you know that rule so why aren't you making your followers do what they are supposed to.

[Jesus] Well, yes, I do know about that rule. But do you remember the story about the time when David before he was King, ate the sacred bread that only priests are supposed to eat? He even shared it with his followers. He broke the rule because he and his men were hungry. God didn't seem to mind. I think that for God, People are more important than rules.

[Pharisee turns and storms away]

[Narrator] So Jesus taught us that the most important thing we can do to show that we love God is to love each other. Because for God, taking care of people matters more than anything else.