

PICTURE THIS... for families



Laborers in the Vineyard

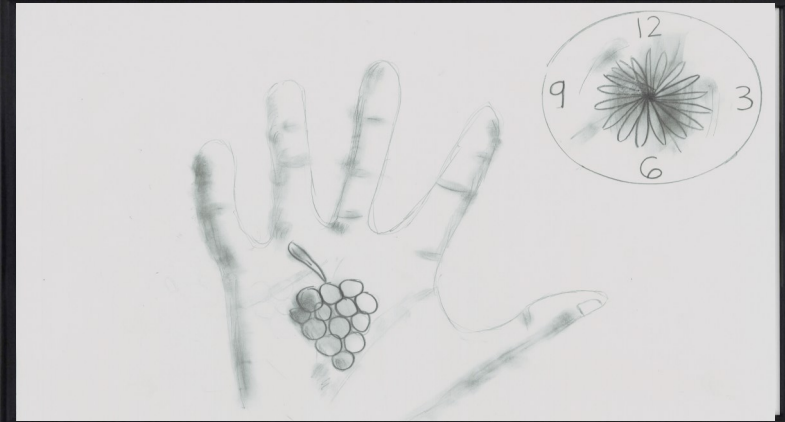
(Matthew 20:1-16)

Big Idea: All are given the same amount, all receive grace

Concrete Concepts: Vineyard, Hire, Wages, Laborer

1. Bring it to life (activities):

- (Pre-K-2nd) Look up vineyards on the internet. Show your child pictures of what vineyards look like and discuss their favorite kind of grape. Choose a kid friendly recipe that uses grapes and make it together. (<https://www.sun-world.com/grape-recipes/kid-friendly-recipes>)
- (3rd-6th) Choose some quick jobs that can be done by your children in the house or yard that you are willing to pay them for. Assign jobs to them that take different amounts of time to complete (ex. 5 mins vs. 20 mins). Agree with them separately on the same, fair wage for the task (try to make it generous). At the completion of the job pay each child the same wage at the same time. Discuss how they feel about that.



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2. Pull it apart (conversation):

- Discuss all the grape products you can think of. Ask your child what they liked about making the recipe together.
- What do you think would be fun about working in a vineyard? What do you think would be hard?
- How did you feel when you were paid the same amount as your sibling who did not do as much work? How do you think the laborers in the vineyard felt about that? Why?
- What do you think generosity means?

3. Model it (for the adults):

- When did the realization of the grace you have received from God impact your life?
- Have you known someone who came to faith later in life that got to enjoy all the benefits that you will enjoy? How did you feel?
- How might your children or grandchildren see how you value grace in the way you interact with others?