



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 5, Lesson 26

The Workers in the Vineyard

Lesson Aim: To know God is fair and generous.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What kind of chores do you do?

GAME: Fair "Foot" Ball

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Read Worship Scripture: John 1:16.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Parable of the Vine and the Branches

Today, we will hear Jesus' Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. A vineyard is a field of grapevines. A denarius was the usual pay for a full day's work. It is an ancient Roman coin made of silver. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 20:1-16. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GRIN OR GRUMBLE

What did the vineyard owner pay the workers? (The same amount—one denarius.) **Why did some of the workers grumble?** (They thought the owner was being unfair.) **How would you have felt if you worked all day and were paid the same as those who only worked for one hour?** The vineyard owner was fair because he paid each of them what he had promised.

The owner was fair to all the workers. He was very generous to the ones who came later. Generous means giving freely. God is fair and generous like the owner in this parable.

The first workers worked more than the others but were paid the same. Instead of grumbling, they could have chosen to be happy about getting the pay they were promised and to be thankful the landowner was generous to the others. Just like the workers, we

each have a choice to make when we feel God is giving more to others than to us.

If time allows, play GRINNERS & GRUMBLERS game located in the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

This week, whenever you see that someone else has been given extra blessings, I challenge you to choose to smile about our generous God and be a "grinner" instead of putting yourself first and being a "grumbler."

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Each of us can choose to enjoy seeing God be generous to others. We will be happier with that choice. Sometimes when we complain something is unfair, we may be jealous, envying the one who received the special attention or gift. Jealousy and envy are unhappy feelings of wanting what someone else has.

Instead of thinking about a blessing we did not receive, we can focus on the many blessings God has already given us. One thousand years before Jesus told this parable, King David listed many of the blessings God generously gives us.

Reveal Psalm 103:2-5. Read.

Next time you are feeling jealous, ask God to help you remember all the blessings He has generously given to you.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Workers in the Vineyard Kingdom Parable Sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: A glad worker and a grumbling worker
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Fair and Generous Snack

CRAFT: Parable Wind Chimes—The Workers in the Vineyard

GAME: Grinners & Grumblers

BONUS PARABLE: The Wise Builder

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Color Decode, The Wave
KINGDOM PARABLE REVIEW