

Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

Sunday, March 5, 2023

All are welcome to join us for Sunday School! Please meet in the Parlor immediately following the Word With Children during the service.

LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

Matthew 20:1-16

Key Verse:

“The last will be first, and the first will be last.”
Matthew 20:16

The Point:

God wants us to live generously.

Making Connections:

The Ways of the Kingdom

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

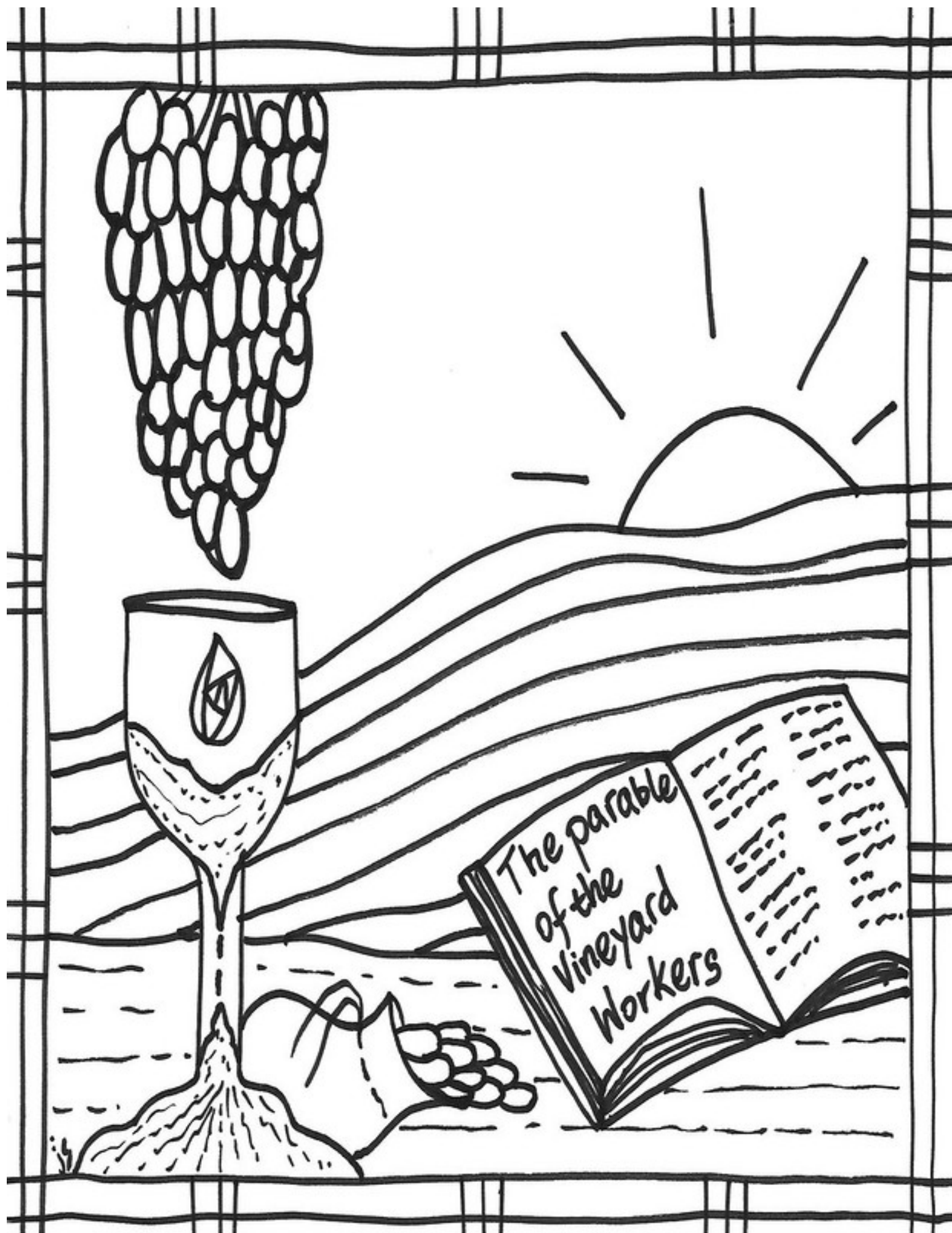
Pharisees

Spiritual Practice:

Service



Reminder: Our Palm Sunday Play will take place during the service on Sunday, April 2nd.

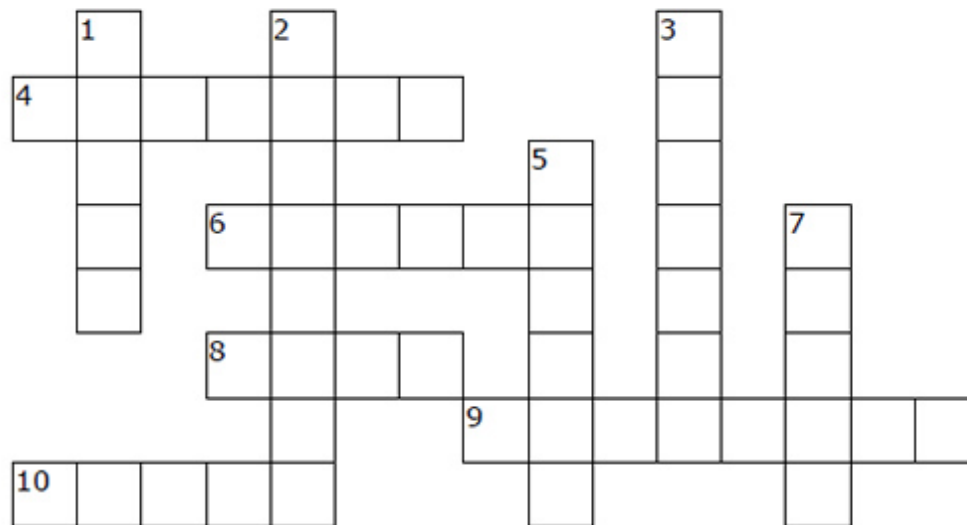


The Workers in the Vineyard



'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



ACROSS

- 4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
- 6. The place where God lives
- 8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
- 9. A place where grapes are grown
- 10. Pay received for working

DOWN

- 1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
- 2. To give or share freely with others
- 3. To gripe or complain
- 5. Not playing by the rules
- 7. Two things that are of the same value

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THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2022-2023)

Lesson #1-24

Matthew 20:1-16

LAST WEEK

Jesus teaches his disciples about sin and forgiveness through the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:15-35).

THIS WEEK

Jesus uses the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard to teach his followers about God's generosity in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 20:1-16).

THE POINT

God wants us to live generously.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Pharisees

In Jesus' time, the Pharisees were followers of God. They were Jewish people who believed that the most important thing to do as God's chosen people was following God's laws in Scripture. Many of the religious laws that they observed are found in the Book of Leviticus. The Pharisees were often in conflict with Jesus because they believed that he was breaking God's laws. They especially took issue with Jesus healing—working—on the Sabbath, a practice strictly forbidden in Scripture.

STORY SUMMARY

The wealthy landowner in the parable hires laborers to work in his vineyard. He hires some early in the morning, some at midday, and some in the evening. When it comes time to give them their wages, he pays all of the workers the same amount, no matter how long they had been working. Those who had worked the longest were angry with those who had worked for less than an hour. But the landowner told the workers that they had been hired for a day's wage and each had been given a fair wage. He was generous to all.

PRACTICE SERVICE

We all have unique gifts and talents. These gifts and talents can be used in different ways to serve God and to serve others. The challenge is to find those creative ways of doing service and then to act on them. What makes your family unique? How can you use that to serve others?

NEXT WEEK

Jesus tells the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, about a king who throws a lavish wedding celebration for his son and invites people off the streets to attend (Matthew 22:1-14).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the Ways of the Kingdom?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Matthew 20:1-16

The laborers in the vineyard.

Eat grapes (or pretend to) while you read this story.

Monday—Read Matthew 20:17-19

Upcoming suffering.

We are in the season of Lent. Make plans as a family to recognize this somber season.

Tuesday—Read Matthew 20:20-23

A mother's request.

This mother wants Jesus to choose a favorite son. How do you feel when someone is obviously someone else's "favorite?"

Wednesday—Read Matthew 20:24-28

The servant leader.

Show each other that you care for them by serving them in some way this week.

Thursday—Read Matthew 20:29-34

Moved with compassion.

Act out this story of compassion.

Friday—Read 2 Samuel 7:12-13

David's heir.

Read the rest of 2 Samuel 7 to put this short passage into context. Who is David's heir?

Saturday—Read Matthew 1:1

Son of David.

This is the way that Matthew begins his entire Gospel. What does that tell you about its importance? How does it relate to what you read yesterday?