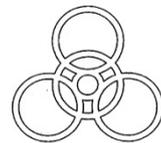


St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

20th September 2020 - Trinity 15



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

Story

This is a story that Jesus told.

Imagine, said Jesus, what the kingdom of heaven is like. Imagine a farmer who goes out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. All the poor people who are looking for work so they can feed themselves and their families, wait in the market place to be hired for the day. So the farmer goes down and he chooses some of them. He agrees that he will pay them the usual daily wage and he sends them into his vineyard. Later that morning he sees others standing idle in the market-place; so he says to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So off they go and work. The farmer goes out again about noon and about three o'clock, and does the same thing. About five o'clock, when the day is nearly over he goes out and finds others standing around; and he says to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They say to him, "Because no one has hired us." He says to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

At last when evening comes, the farmer says to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."

When those hired about five o'clock come, they each get paid the usual daily wage. So when the men who were hired in the early morning come they expect to get more; but each of them also get the usual daily wage.

The early men start to grumble against the farmer, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

But the farmer says, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you really envious because I am generous?"

In the kingdom of God the last will be first, and the first will be last, said Jesus.

Everyone is equal and beloved in God's eyes. He is especially fond of each one of us.

IMAGINE how it feels if you are someone who has worked all day. And now, imagine how it would feel if you were a poor man with no work and someone gave you a day's wage for just an hour's work, so you could feed yourself and your family.

GOD IS ALWAYS GENEROUS, and we need to learn to be generous too.

Here's a word search for you



DAY
ENVOIOUS
EVENING
FAIR
FARMER
GENEROUS
GRUMBLE
HEAVEN
HIRE
IMAGINE
KINGDOM
MARKETPLACE
VINEYARD
WAGES
WORKER

Something for you to do:

You will need: some red, green or purple paint you can use with your finger

A saucer or pot to put it in

Some felt tips – green or orange

On the next page there is an outline for a bunch of grapes, you can use your thumb in paint to print grapes where the dots are. Or maybe use a piece of carrot or potato for a printer. Colour the vine in too.

Then you can cut up your bunch, or ask a grownup to let you have some real grapes, or raisins (which are dried grapes.)

Now decide how you are going to share them with other people. Are you going to give different shares to people because they are: older? Younger? Bigger? Smaller? Prettier? Sadder? Kinder? Cleverer?

You might think of other reasons to give people different shares.

Try to think about what would be the fairest and kindest way to decide?

Then have a party and eat what you have shared.

