

Children's Church at Home 20 September 2020

Matthew 20:1-16 A fair day's wage

Craft ingredients: card, paper, wax crayons, (or other crayons), some coins, scissors, pens, pritt stick, you might need some blue tack as well.

Introduction: Things can seem very unfair. In the story, the workers who had worked all day complained about their pay. Do you think they were right?

Story: This story is not in the Lion First Bible, but you can read it here.
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+20%3A1-16&version=ERV>

Video: <https://youtu.be/1re9yvg4nZY>

Questions: is it fair if ...?

Your older sister has a later bedtime than you?

The person in front of you in the queue lets 5 friends in ahead of you?

Your friend brings a ball to school (if that's allowed!) but won't let you play with it?

Think: The owner of the field went back to the marketplace several times and employed all the people who were still waiting for work. They all got the same pay. We are like the workers. If we agree to work for God, whenever we start working for him, he will pay us all the same.

Craft: make a rubbing of some coins and use them for a collage. See the video for how to do it.

Activity: play a silly game: no laughing! You need 3 people. 'Form a circle, standing closely together. Pick a player to begin. The first player says "Zip" or "Bong." If they say "Zip, the turn passes to the player at their left. If they say "Bong" it passes to the player to their right. The next player must respond quickly, within a second, by saying "Zip" or "Bong" to pass the turn. If you don't respond within a second when it's your turn, you're out. Also, if you speak out of turn or laugh, you're out. Only the player whose turn it is may speak, and they can only say "Zip" or "Bong.'" (thanks to <https://youthgroupresources.com/>)

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you so much for loving us loads. Help us to choose you always. And help us to work for you every day. And also, help us to be generous and patient when things are unfair. Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.