

LESSON 12

THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand that God gives to us out of His grace.
2. To know that God generously offers the gift of salvation to everyone.
3. To learn how to show our gratitude towards God's love.

MEMORY VERSE

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

PRAYER

1. We thank You, Lord, for gathering us here so that we can worship You and learn more about Your words.
2. Lord, please help us to be wise in all that we do.
3. Lord, please help us through our trials and whatever difficulties we may encounter.
4. And Lord, as You have forgiven us many times, may You give us the power to forgive others.
5. Please help us to focus in today's class and apply its teachings to our lives.



Overview

1. The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Mt 20:1-16)

- The landowner goes out and hires workers to help in the vineyard
- The landowner pays the wages to the workers

2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—Salvation is given by grace

3. Life Application

- The Gift: To understand that we are granted God's gifts and the way to heaven through His grace, not through the good works we have done.
- Give Freely: To understand that good works should not be done for the purpose of receiving heavenly rewards, but rather, for the purpose of doing good works.

4. Activity—Crossword Puzzle; Word Search



Background Knowledge for Teachers

This parable is not about reward but about salvation. It is through His grace that we receive salvation, God's generous gift to us. We shouldn't begrudge those who turn to God in the last moments of life, because no one actually deserves eternal life. The landowner in this parable paid each laborer the same wage, though some worked longer than others, which angered the laborers who had started earlier. However, the landowner reminded the workers that he paid them the amount he had promised them. The landowner's fairness symbolizes God's love for us. God loves each of us, regardless of how little or how much we think we have done to serve Him. The criminal who repented as he was dying on the cross (Lk 23:40-43) will be there alongside with people who have believed and served God for many years. Are we against God's gracious acceptance of the despised, the outcast, and the sinners who have turned to Him for forgiveness? We shouldn't be jealous of what God has given to others, but be grateful for what He has already given us.

Historical Background

The denarius is a silver coin, which was the usual day's wage for a laborer. Roman soldiers were also paid this amount daily. The hours in the parable start at about 6:00 AM, which would make the eleventh hour between about 4:00 and 5:00 PM.

These workers were poor men working as temporary farmhands during the harvest season, and the landowner realized that they would all need a full day's pay to feed their families. The payment at evening follows Old

Testament guidelines:

"You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates. Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the Lord, and it be sin to you" (Dt 24:14-15).



Reaching Out to Your Students

Today's lesson specifically addresses the needs of your students at the developmental age they are currently in. At this age, your students are striving to find a sense of "fairness" in the situations around them. You may notice that they are fully capable of comparing themselves to others, and thereby of knowing what is fair and unfair, or equal and unequal. Every day at school, they are exposed to the issues of fairness, equality, and justice. These are important concepts for them to learn from school. Understanding these concepts will help them know how society works and how to apply these concepts to their daily lives. In school, they learn how they should treat others and how others should treat them. However, this must be distinguished with regard to God's justice. Your students must learn that fairness, equality, and justice are a little different with God because of His great love and mercy. The parable of the workers in the vineyard, as well as the parable of the prodigal son, will be extremely effective in helping them understand God's love and mercy. Using the parable of the prodigal son may be even more effective in this case, because the students have already learned about the story and they may have had some time to think through the story. Have your students share their views on both parables. Ask the students what they thought about the laborers all receiving the same wages and the father welcoming back the son so warmly.



Opener

5 Minutes

[Write the following list on the whiteboard and ask students to rank the actions.]

**How important is it to do these things in order to get to heaven?
Rank the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being the one you feel is the most important.**

- ___ Follow all Ten Commandments
- ___ Give to the poor and help others in need
- ___ Volunteer to help out in the church, even when you are not asked
- ___ Do my very best in school to get good grades
- ___ Pray every day

Everything on that list is important, and as children of God, we should try our best to do all of the things on the list and more. However, even doing all of them perfectly cannot earn anyone the right to go to heaven, because heaven is a free gift. If you had to pay for it, trade for it, or do many things in exchange for it, then it would not be a gift, right?

People do not go to heaven only because they were good people. The Bible says that no one can earn the gift of heaven.

Today's memory verse tells us: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast"* (Eph 2:8-9).

Heaven is a free gift; it is given by the grace of God.

What is the grace of God?

God's grace is like a gift or a favor that we do not earn or deserve.

For example, if you get a special gift from your parents because you got an "A" on your test, then you've earned it because you did well.

If you get a thank-you gift from your best friend, you deserved it because you did something for them.

God's grace is something that God gives for our good because He loves us, not because of something we have done to earn it. This grace is always completely free.

But imagine that someone has promised to give you five dollars to work for him for five hours. Later, you find out that he paid someone else five dollars to work for only one hour, doing the same work you were hired to do.

How would you feel? Do you think it is fair? In today's Bible story, we'll hear about a similar situation.



Vocabulary

foreman: a man who serves as the leader or manager of a group of workers

vineyard: a piece of land where grapes are grown



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students. Stop at the indicated places throughout the lesson to allow the students to fill in the worksheet. Keep a copy to reference. The answers have been underlined in this section.

In Matthew 19:23-28, Jesus explained that God must be more important to people than their possessions or accomplishments. Peter then asked what kind of reward the disciples would receive for leaving everything behind and following Him. Jesus assured them that they would receive a reward in heaven.

Jesus then told a parable to explain God's generosity regarding salvation.

Let's open our Bibles to Matthew 20:1-16. As we analyze and study this passage, let's refer to the worksheet and follow along to fill it out.

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard" (vv. 1-2). One denarius is the normal daily wage, that is, one day's worth of pay.

At about the **third hour**, which is around nine o'clock in the morning, the landowner was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. So they

went to work in the vineyard.

He went out again later at the **sixth hour**, which is around noon, and then at the **ninth hour**, which is about three o'clock in the afternoon, he did the same thing. He kept hiring more people.

Yet again, at the **eleventh hour**, which is about five o'clock in the afternoon, he was in town again and saw some more people standing around with nothing to do.

FOR TEACHERS

Stop here and ask the students to fill in the clock hands on the Bible Discovery worksheet according to the times of day mentioned in the story.

He asked those people, "Why haven't you been working today?"

They answered, "Because no one hired us for work."

The landowner then told them, "Join the others in my vineyard and I will pay you what is right."

"So when the evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would received more; and they likewise received each a denarius" (vv. 8-10).

Students, what do you think happened when the laborers realized they were being paid the same amount even though they worked longer hours? [Allow students to

answer.] That's right, they complained to the landowner about it because they thought it was unfair. They had to work in the hot sun all day, and yet they were still being paid the same amount as those who had arrived late in the afternoon. Let's look at verses 13-16 to see how the landowner replied.

"But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

FOR TEACHERS

Ask students to answer questions 2 and 3. When they are done, go over their answers, and then move onto the next question. Make sure the students listen and fill in the blanks as you go over the following section.

The Teaching of This Parable

Jesus spoke this parable to explain God's generosity.

The landowner in this parable represents our God.

The vineyard represents the world.

The laborers represent all of us, the believers.

The denarius each laborer receives at the end of the day represents our reward from God, which is the heavenly kingdom.

People don't earn God's love by *what* they do or *how much* they do. The reward is for everyone who believes in Jesus and receives baptism; their sins will be forgiven, and they will gain the reward of living forever with Him.

FOR TEACHERS

Continue with questions 5-7 on the Bible Discovery worksheet.

Who are the ones that are last, but will be first?

These could be the new believers in Christ, who have done less, or the sinners who have repented. These people may receive God's grace and forgiveness in "the eleventh hour" (that is, the short period of time preceding Jesus' Second

Coming) and therefore labor much less for the kingdom of God. Through their humble acceptance and trust in God's grace, they become first in the kingdom. We can see in verse 7 that these laborers trusted that the landowner would do for them whatever was right.

Who are the ones that are first, but will be last?

These are the ones who view themselves to be higher up in the religious community, possibly leaders or early believers. They have worked much for God, but because they have raised themselves up higher to be the first and taken God's grace for granted (that is, they were once without a job but have now been hired by the landowner, God), they become the least in God's eyes. Some even reject the kingdom because of their pride in being the first.

What does the paying of wages represent? What does it teach us about salvation and grace?

The paying of wages represents God giving His reward to us—salvation and the heavenly kingdom. The paying of wages teaches us that God gives out His gift and reward according to His own will.

This means that salvation is given by grace, which also means that it is something we cannot buy, earn, trade, or acquire. We also cannot earn it by only doing a lot of God's work, although doing God's work is still important. Simply put, salvation is a gift from God given to us through His love and grace.

What is God's grace?

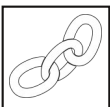
Grace is much different than justice and mercy.

When we are shown **justice**, we receive exactly what we deserve for our sins (that is, death).

When we are shown **mercy**, we do not receive the punishment that we deserve (again, death).

When we are shown **grace**, we receive the good that we, as sinners, do not deserve, which is eternal life, without death.

This is why salvation is given by grace—it is something that we have not done anything to earn; God gives it to us out of His love for us.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

Salvation

Salvation is given by the grace of God through the faith of believers. The parable of the workers in the vineyard is not teaching that everyone will have the same reward, but that we are all saved by God's grace. Even the rewards that we will receive for our labor are made possible because of God's grace. We can't earn our way to heaven because no matter what we do, we will never be perfect. However, God is generous, and He loves each of us.

Therefore, we cannot claim any credit in our salvation, even if we work hard for the Lord. It's because we have received it as a free gift (Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3:27-28; Tit 3:4-5). From this parable, we learn the abounding grace of God. He does not show favoritism when giving grace (Acts 10:34). But this is not to suggest that it makes no difference how hard we work for God, because the Bible teaches that everyone will be rewarded according to his labor (1 Cor 3:8; 15:58).



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

- 1. What is the kingdom of heaven likened to?** A landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard.
- 2. Why did all the workers receive the same pay?** Jesus wants to teach us that people don't earn God's love by what they do or how much they do.
- 3. Who are the ones that are last, but will be first?** These could be the new believers in Christ, who have done less, or the sinners who have repented.
- 4. Who are the first that will become last?** These are people who have worked much for God, but because they have raised themselves up higher to be the first and taken God's grace for granted, they have become the least in God's eyes.
- 5. Does this mean that it doesn't matter if we do good things or not?** No. We will still be rewarded for our good works. The teaching is that God will always be fair and generous.



Life Application

10 Minutes

1. The Gift

Objectives: 1. To understand that God gives to us out of His grace; it is not based on how much we have done for Him.
2. To learn to show our gratitude towards God's love.

Ask students to turn to Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10, and then read the verses aloud.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)."

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

These verses tell us that we are saved by the grace of God. This means that salvation is not given because we earned it by doing lots of work and other good things for God. Rather, salvation is given by the grace of God. The laborers in the parable all did varying levels of work—some did more work and some did less—but the amount of each laborer's wage was up to the landowner. Similarly, God has the sovereignty to grant salvation to whomever He wishes.

Verse 10 reminds us that we are "His workmanship," "created" and "prepared" for "good works." [Hand out Life Application Worksheet #1. Ask the students what they think those "good works" are and how we "should walk in them." The answers will prepare them to understand how we can repay God's love.]

1. What do you think verse 10 is referring to when it mentions "good works"?

Please list 3 in the first column below. How should we "walk in" these good works? List practical ideas in the second column.

Possible Answers

- Help those in need (Gal 6:2; Rom 15:1; Acts 20:35; 1 Thess 5:14) – e.g., Open doors/carry things for the elderly; help someone with their homework; pray for the sick; help your younger siblings with tough tasks; etc.

- Share with others (Heb 13:16; Rom 12:13; Prov 3:27-8) – e.g., Share your toys with your siblings; share your personal time to help do chores at home/church; share your knowledge to encourage/help those around you; etc.
- Shine for God (Mt 5:16; 1 Pet 2:12; Jn 15:8) – e.g., Have good behavior/conduct everywhere you go; establish good relationships with everyone; share the word of God with others; etc.

Note: It is important to talk about “good works” in specific terms, and not merely in broad categories that are harder for E2 students to grasp. For instance, when talking about “Share with others,” give specific actions such as, “Leave aside a part of our savings to donate to those who need the money.” Furthermore, when telling students to “Shine for God,” you can explain that speaking nice things to others is one way of having good behavior.

We still need to work for God.

Now that we know God’s salvation is given to us by grace, should we stop doing good works? No. Preaching, loving others, helping out with church work, etc., are things we must still do. Just because God’s salvation is given by grace, it doesn’t mean that we don’t need to lift a finger while we’re still in this world.

We need to repay the love of God because He has already given us so much and will continue to do so until the day we die.

How shall we repay God?

God has loved us and given us so much. Before we even knew God and when we were still sinners (not baptized yet), Christ already loved us and died for us.

[Ask students to refer to their worksheets once again and complete the remaining sections.]

2. Let’s read Romans 5:8.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

[Students list 3 things that God has given them.]

3. How do we show our gratitude, our appreciation, and our thanks for His love?

[Ask students to write down what each verse is telling us to do, not the actual verse itself.]

Answers

1. Love others. (Mark 12:31)
2. Love God to the fullest. Focus our soul, mind and strength on loving God. (Mark 12:30)
3. Forgive others because God has forgiven us. (Ephesians 4:32)
4. Preach to others. (Matthew 28:19)
5. Attend church services. (Hebrews 10:25)
6. Sing hymns to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:19)
7. Read the Bible and keep His words in our hearts. (Deuteronomy 11:18)

2. Give Freely

Objective: To understand that good works should not be done for the purpose of receiving heavenly rewards, but rather, for the purpose of doing good works.

[Hand out Life Application Worksheet #2 and ask the students to read the short testimonies. When they have finished, ask them to answer the questions for each scenario, and then discuss their answers as a class.]

Testimony 1

For several years now, a certain sister has been suffering from a physical illness that requires her to be in a wheelchair for most of the day. She has difficulty moving her body, so she isn’t able to do many of the things that most people would find easy to do. Rather, she needs someone to help her get through the day and take care of her day-to-day needs.

Through this difficult trial, the sister has found one source of strength and perseverance that helps her endure the pain and suffering she experiences on a daily basis. Every week, church members take the time to visit her at home to encourage her, sing hymns with her, and pray with her. She looks forward to these weekly visits, and the encouragement and care from the church members give her the strength to endure, even as her body is deteriorating. Her physical body may be growing weaker, but with the love and care from the church members, her spiritual body is growing stronger.

1. **How did the church members give freely to the sister?** The church members took personal time to visit the sister every week so that she could be encouraged and strengthened during this difficult time.
2. **How can you give freely when...** [Answers may vary.]
 - a. Your parent recently lost their job...
 - b. Your brother broke his right arm in a sports accident...
 - c. Your friend's relative passed away...

Testimony 2

When a certain church worker was 14, she had a thought during a short term theological training seminar, "Wouldn't it be great if I could spread the word of God to people all over the world, to people in faraway countries?" Thank God that many years later, this sister was able to visit many different areas to preach the gospel.

During her missionary work, this church worker traveled to many areas where the gospel was just being spread. These newly pioneered areas included Fiji, Tonga, and Myanmar. In many of these places, modern development had not yet occurred, so the primitive dirt roads, if there were any, made it difficult for the church worker and those with her to travel from place to place. In Myanmar, traffic was horrendous and trucks were so packed with passengers that their legs would stick out from the sides. However, even though the church worker knew that traveling to these poor areas to preach the gospel would not be comfortable or easy, she still gladly went on these missionary trips. A pastor and another sister would join her on some of these trips and they too went with a glad heart.

During their trips, in addition to traveling obstacles, they had to overcome many other difficulties, such as lack of electricity and harsh, oppressive environments. One night as the church worker was delivering a sermon, the electricity went out and the church worker had to deliver the sermon by candlelight. She did not know whether the congregation members were awake, asleep, or even present. Thank God that they were all still present and attentive when the lights came back on. In addition, the climate was extremely hot and humid, and mosquitos constantly buzzed around at night. Still, that did not stop them from doing God's work.

In those newly pioneered areas, they would hold RE classes and spiritual convocations, and take their time to pastor the new believers so that their faith could be kept up. They worked tirelessly with the local members to ensure that they would not drift away from the church and to ensure that their needs, both physical and spiritual, were met.

1. **What kind of problems did the church workers have to overcome?** The rural transportation system (i.e., bad roads and traffic), the hot and humid climate, and other difficulties, such as lack of electricity.
2. **How did the church workers give freely?** Despite all the difficulties and inconveniences they encountered, they still worked with a glad and fervent heart for the purpose of spreading the gospel and pastoring the members in the remote and newly pioneered areas.

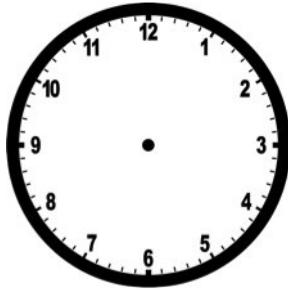
HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. landowner, vineyard
2. denarius
3. third, pay
4. sixth, ninth, eleventh
5. False; He spoke it to explain that God is fair and that His grace is for everyone.
6. True
7. True
8. Jesus wants to teach us that one does not earn God's love by what he does or how much he does for God.
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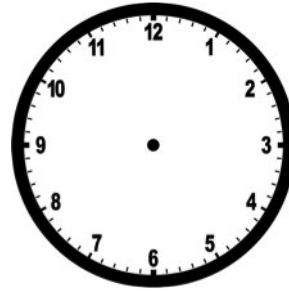
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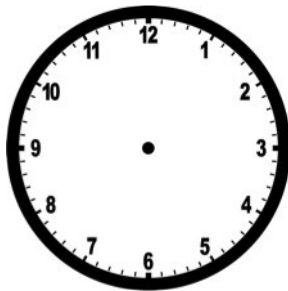
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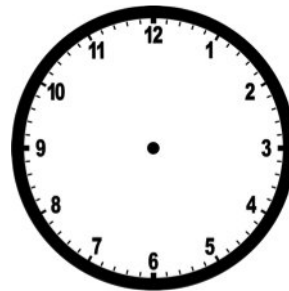
B. Sixth hour = _____:_____ PM



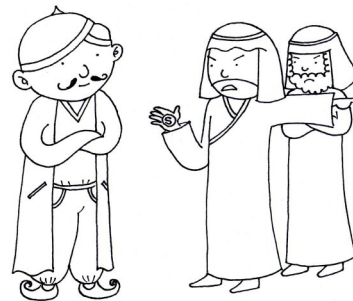
C. Ninth hour = _____:_____ PM



D. Eleventh hour = _____:_____ PM



2. What did the workers complain about?



3. What was the landowner's reply to the complaint?



4. What is the teaching of the parable?

Who is the landowner? _____

What does the vineyard represent? _____

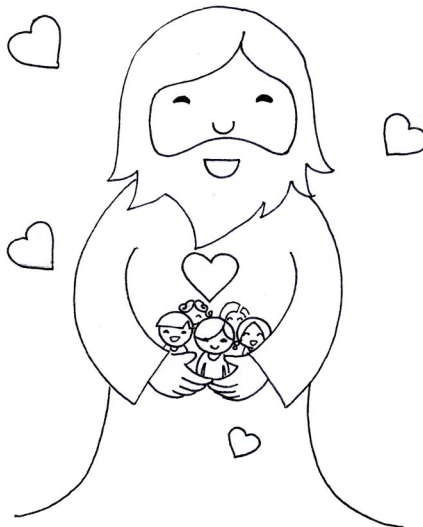
Who are the workers? _____

What does the denarius represent? It is our _____, which is the _____.

5. Who are the ones that are last, but will be first?

6. Who are the first, but will be last?

7. What does the paying of wages represent? What does this teach us about salvation and grace?



THE GIFT

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2. Read Romans 5:8 and complete the verse.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, _____."

List 3 things that God has given you:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. How do we show our gratitude, our appreciation, and our thanks for His love?

Read each of the following verses and write down how we can show our gratitude to God. The first one has been completed for you.

1. Mark 12:31 Love others _____

2. Mark 12:30 _____

3. Ephesians 4:32 _____

4. Matthew 28:19 _____

5. Hebrews 10:25 _____

6. Ephesians 5:19 _____

7. Deuteronomy 11:18 _____

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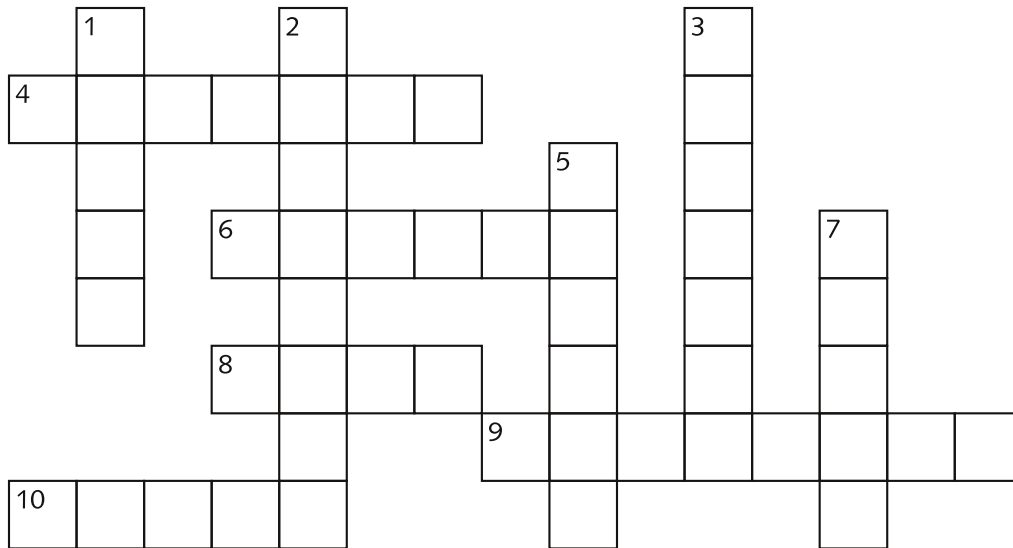


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HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL

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. The money you receive for working

DOWN

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



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D V O M O N E Y Q K J F E Q L
 R Y H Q P G Y Y V V D B S K P
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MONEY	HOUR	EQUAL	WORKERS	VINEYARD
LANDOWNER	HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	KINGDOM	GENEROUS
WAGES	HIRED	UNFAIR	RIGHT	RECEIVED

E2 Year 2 Book 1 Lesson 12—The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

Fill In the Blank

1. "For the kingdom of heaven is like a _____ who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his _____."
2. The landowner agreed to pay them each a _____ for the day before sending them into his vineyard.
3. Around the _____ hour, the landowner went into the marketplace and saw others standing there doing nothing. He told them to go work in his vineyard and that he would _____ them whatever is right.
4. The landowner went out again around the _____ hour, the _____ hour, and the _____ hour and did the same thing.

True or False

5. Jesus spoke this parable to explain God's unfairness. _____
6. People don't earn God's love by what they do or how much they do. _____
7. The gift of salvation is for everyone who believes in Jesus and receives baptism; their sins will be forgiven, and they will gain the reward of living forever with Him. _____

Short Answer

8. Why did all the workers receive the same pay? What does Jesus want us to learn?

9. Who are the ones that are last, but will be first?

10. Who are first that will become last?