

Colouring In

PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD (MATTHEW 20:1-16)



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

Parable Of The Vineyard Workers

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.

Jesus told a story about a landowner who was hiring men to work in his vineyard. He hired some of them early in the morning, some in the middle of the day, and some he hired just before home time. When it was time to pay the workers, he paid them all the same. The workers who were hired early in the morning began to complain, "Hey! That's not fair! You paid the workers who worked only one hour the same as those of us who worked all day." The owner of the vineyard said, "I am not being unfair to you. I paid you what I agreed to pay you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Are you jealous because I am generous?"

The point of the story is that there are some people who trust in Jesus and serve him all the days of their life. What is their reward? Their reward is eternal life in heaven. There are other people who live most of their life in sin. They don't serve the Lord at all. Then, just before their life comes to an end, they put their trust in Jesus and accept him as their Saviour. What is their reward? Their reward is the same as one who has served the Lord all their life - eternal life in heaven.

Is that fair? We might not think it's fair, but if we got what was fair, none of us would go to heaven. The Bible says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." I don't know about you, but I'm glad that God doesn't give me what is fair, but gives me his love and grace, in spite of what I deserve!

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words:

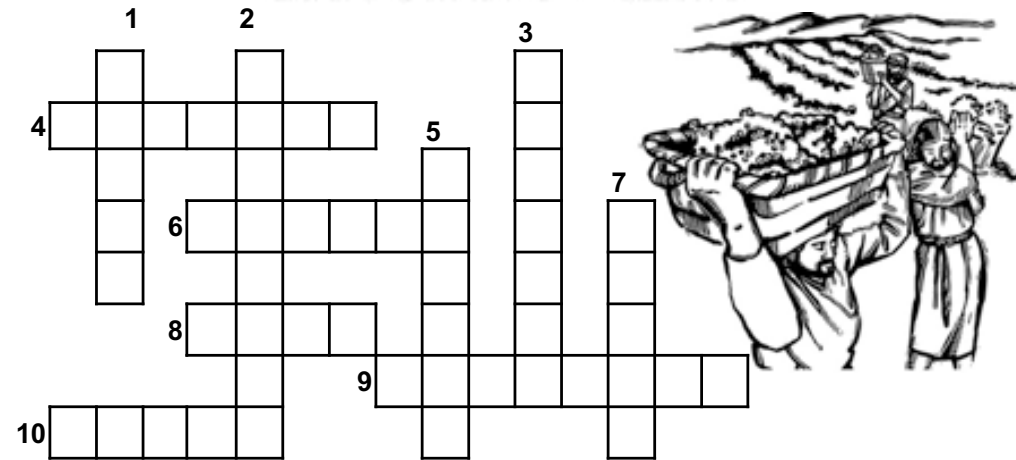
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Vineyard	Unfair	Workers	Grumble	Hired
Last	Generous	First	Money	Hour

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- People who labour, usually for wages or a salary
- The place where God lives
- A period of time equal to sixty minutes
- A place where grapes are grown
- Pay received for working

DOWN

- Coins or notes used to pay for something
- To give or share freely with others
- To moan or complain
- Not playing by the rules
- Two things that are of the same value

Heaven	Grumble	Money	Workers
Vineyard	Generous	Hour	Wages
Unfair	Equal		

Children's Prayer

Dear Father. We thank you for your love and grace that gives us everlasting life - even though we know it is more than we deserve. Please help us to be generous too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

