

LESSON 12

THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

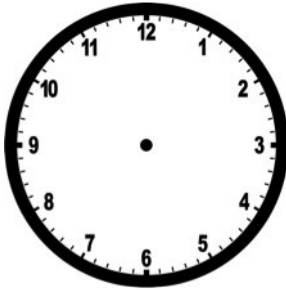
Worksheets

- Bible Discovery Worksheet, Page 1 and 2: The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
- Life Application Worksheet #1: The Gift
- Life Application Worksheet #2: Give Freely
- Activity: Crossword Puzzle; Word Search
- Homework

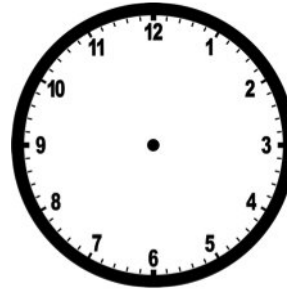
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Instructions: Fill in the following clocks according to the hours mentioned in the parable.

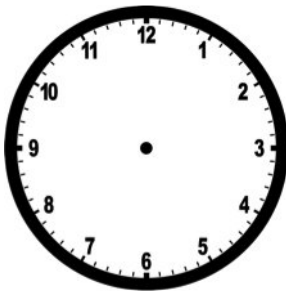
1. Third hour = _____:_____ AM



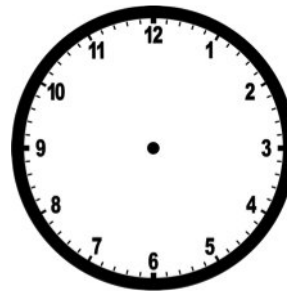
2. Sixth hour = _____:_____ PM



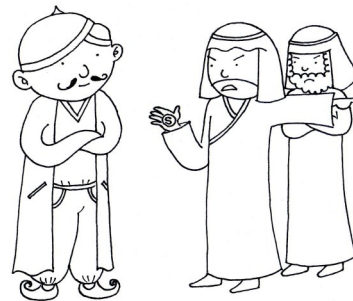
3. Ninth hour = _____:_____ PM



4. Eleventh hour = _____:_____ PM



5. What did the workers complain about?



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



7. What is the teaching of the parable?

Who is the landowner? _____

What does the vineyard represent? _____

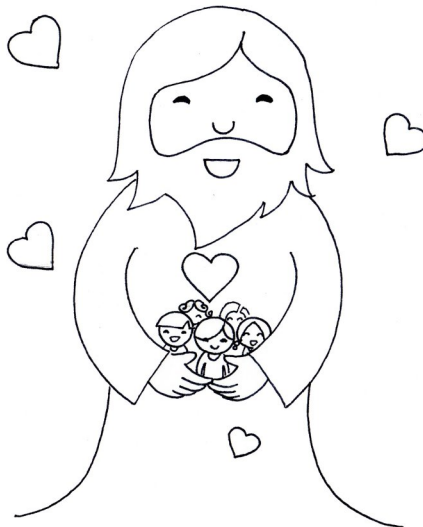
Who are the workers? _____

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

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

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

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



THE GIFT

1. Turn to Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10, and read the verses together with the class.

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.

"Good Works"	Practical Ideas

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 _____

GIVE FREELY

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?

2. How can you give freely when...

- 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.

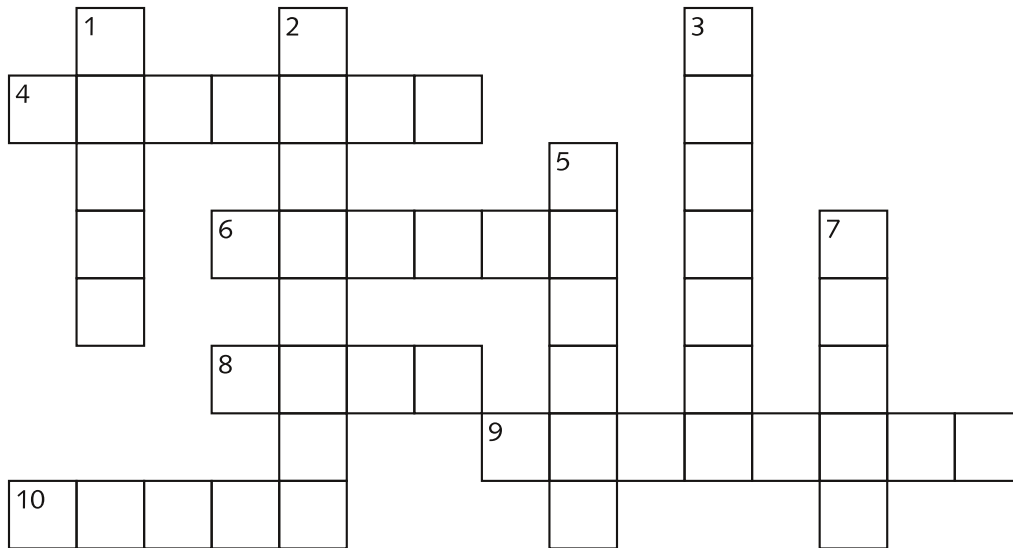


In those newly pioneered areas, they would hold RE classes and spiritual convocations, and take their time to pastor the new believers so that their faith could be kept up. They worked tirelessly with the local members to ensure that they would not drift away from the church and to ensure that their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

1. What kinds of problems did the church workers have to overcome?

2. How did the church workers give freely?

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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
- 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
 E U G V H E H E A V E N U I H
 C S S Z Q N M J N R U N N N O
 E A V I N E Y A R D R S F G U
 I M I D T R I Z V E B M A D R
 V W R S X O U F N P D T I O V
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 N S L H N Q R G U B A R W J K
 U H G S Z L W R U W H I F E G
 G B Z Y G D G T X R E V Q B N

MONEY	HOUR	EQUAL	WORKERS	VINEYARD
LANDOWNER	HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	KINGDOM	GENEROUS
WAGES	HIRED	UNFAIR	RIGHT	RECEIVED

