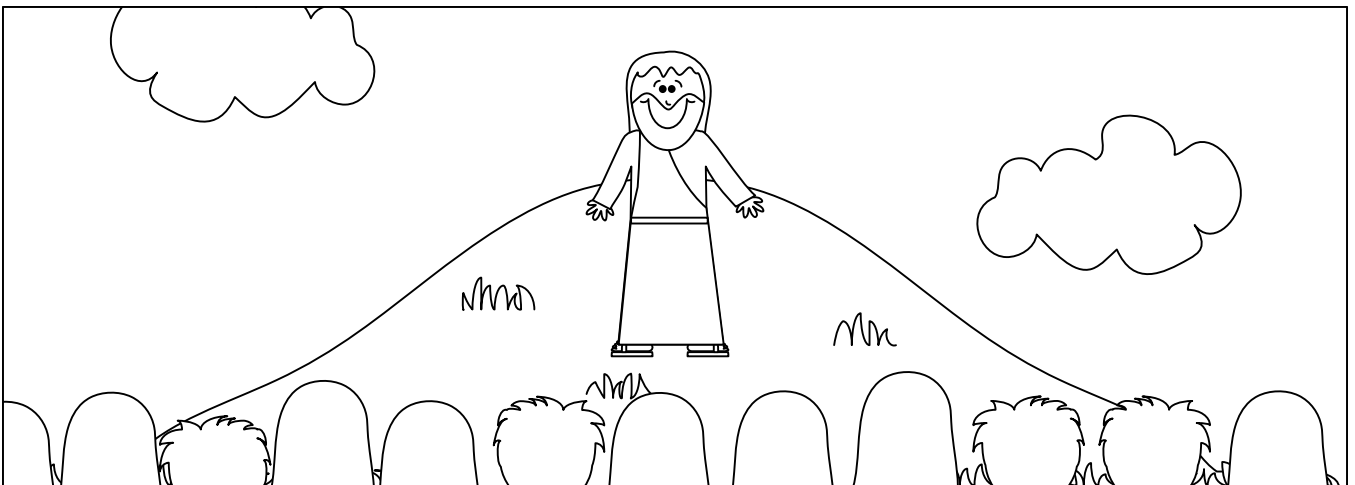


The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard



From Matthew 20:1-16

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Jesus told many parables. Parables are stories that help us know how we should live. One parable Jesus told was about workers in a vineyard.

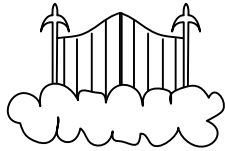


New Words

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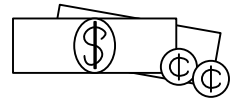
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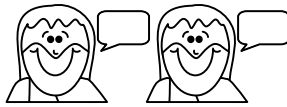
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Heaven is like a man who got up early in the morning to



get workers for his vineyard. He said he would pay them



a denarius, which was what men got paid most of the

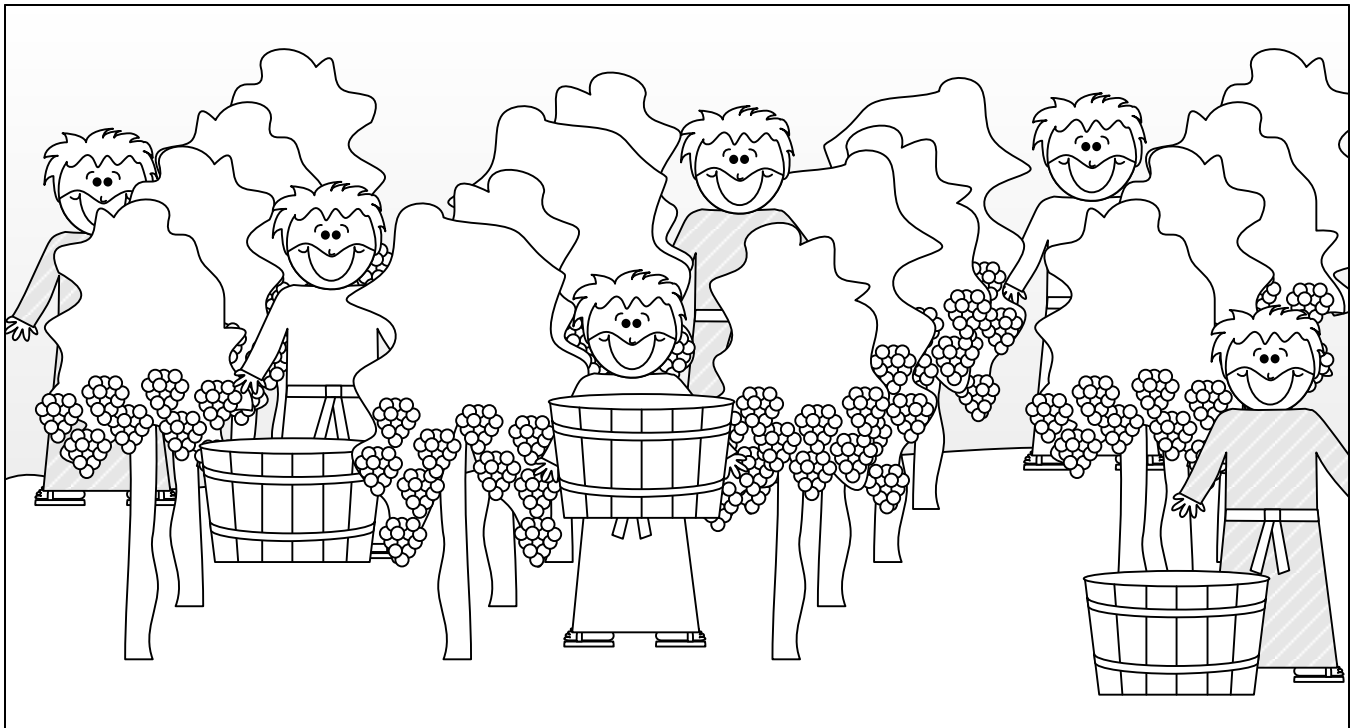


time when they worked for one day.

The men got busy working in the vineyard.

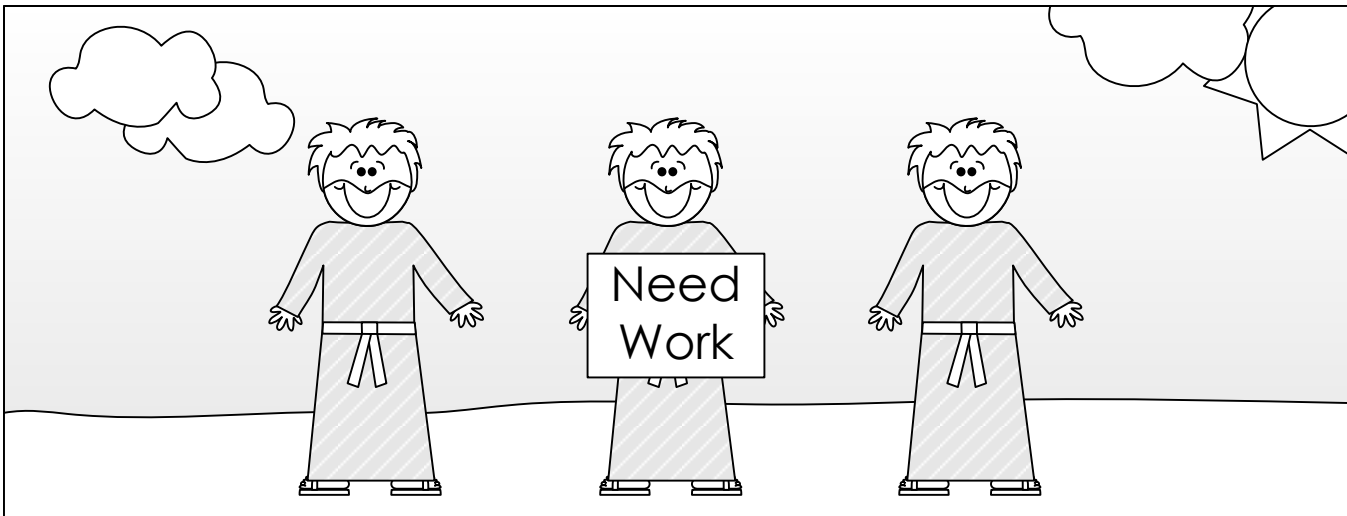



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So they got busy working in the vineyard.



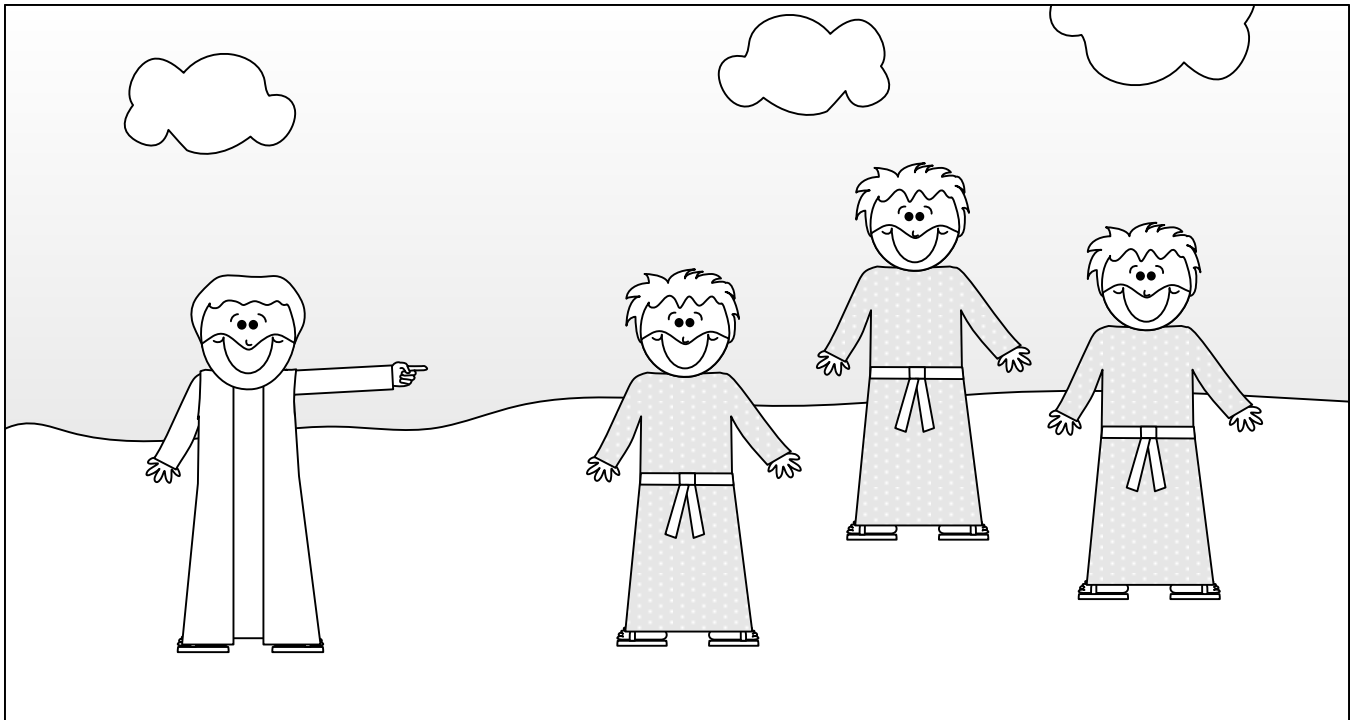
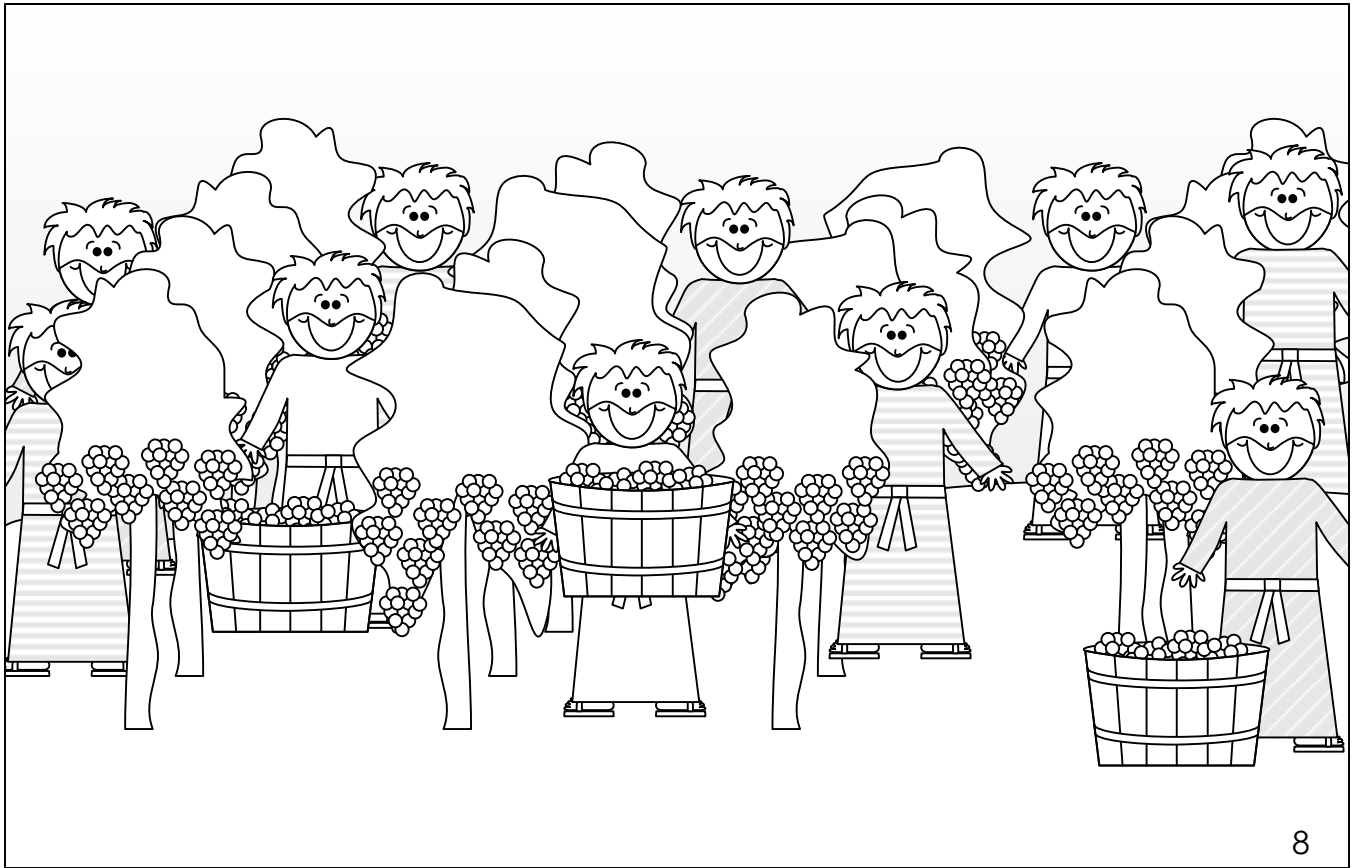


About nine in the morning, he saw more men who wanted to work. He told them to go work in his vineyard  and he would pay them what was right.

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He went out at about noon and about three and did the same thing. He told the men who wanted to work that they could work in his vineyard and he would pay  them what was right.

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He told the men, "You go and work in my vineyard."



At five he went out and still saw more men who wanted to work. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"

The men who wanted to work said, "Because no one has hired us."

When it was time to stop working, the man who owned the vineyard told his head worker, "Call the workers and pay them for their work. Start with the ones I hired last and go on until you pay the ones I hired first."



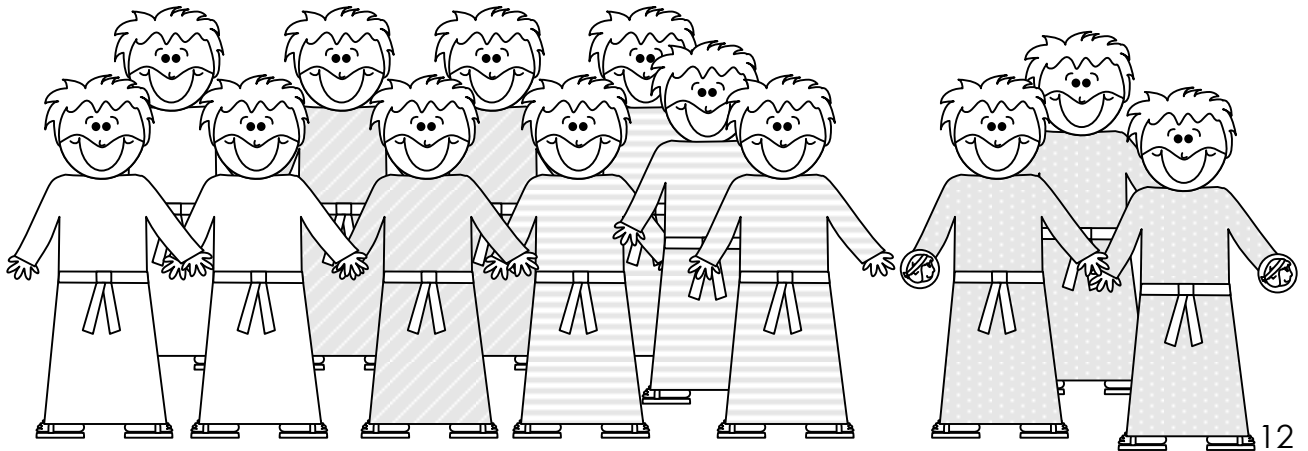
The workers who were hired last, near the end of the day, came and each got one denarius.



So when the men who were hired first, at the start of the day, came to get their money, they thought they would



get even more.

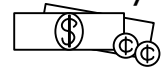


But the man who hired them said, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. I told you I would pay you one denarius.



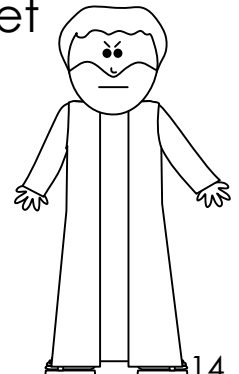
Take your pay and go. I want to give the men whom I

hired last the same money I gave you. It is my money

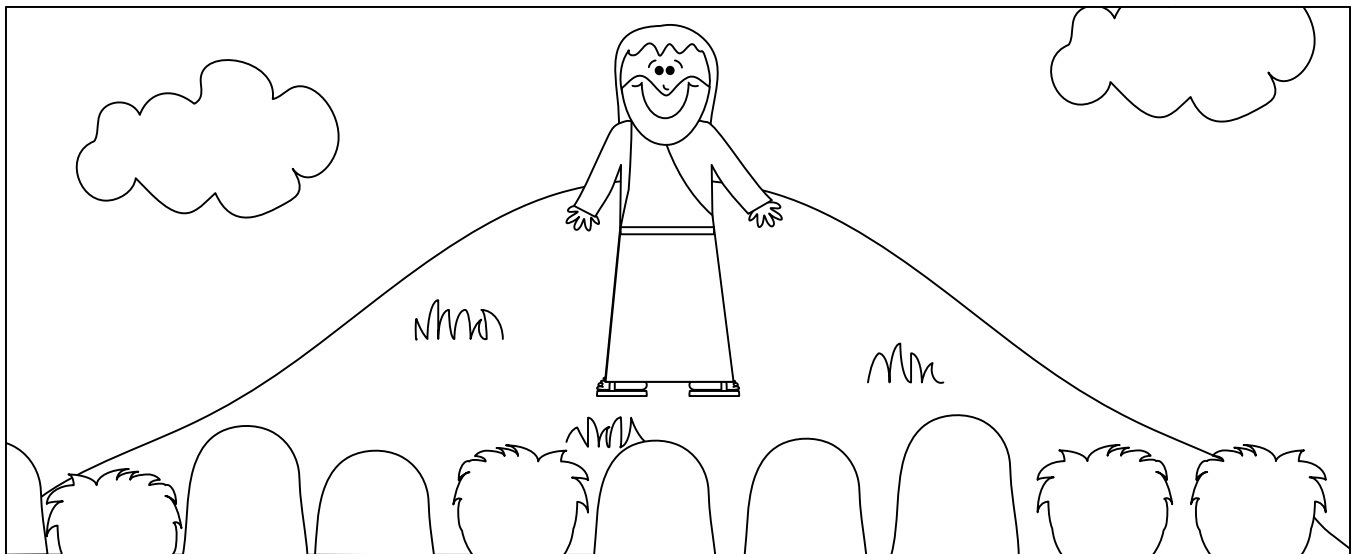
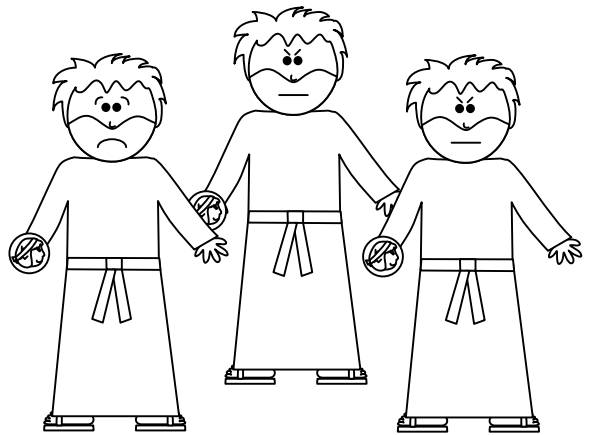


and I can pay them what I want. Are you upset

because I am so kind with my money?"



But each of the men also got one denarius. When they
got their money, they started to grumble about the man
who hired them. "The men who were hired at the end of
the day just worked one hour," they said, "and you
gave them the same money
that you gave us. But we did
most of the work since we
worked all day."



Jesus said, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

All who trust in Jesus to save them can go to heaven, no
matter how long they have believed in Him.

God is generous and wants everyone who wants to, to go to heaven. We can be thankful that God will save us, no matter how old we are when we trust in Him.

Having gratitude also helps us to be thankful for the good things God gives us, and to not be upset when God gives good things to other people.

