

# THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

*Matthew 20:1-16*

## Matthew 20

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup>“About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup>He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went.

“He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup>About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

<sup>7</sup>““Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

<sup>8</sup>“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with

the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

<sup>9</sup>“The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup>“These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

<sup>13</sup>“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you.

<sup>15</sup>Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

<sup>16</sup>“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did the landowner do every few hours?
5		2.) When evening came, what did the owner of the vineyard ask his foreman to do? (Verse 8)
5		3.) How much was each worker paid?
5		4.) Why do you think the first workers hired were upset with their pay?

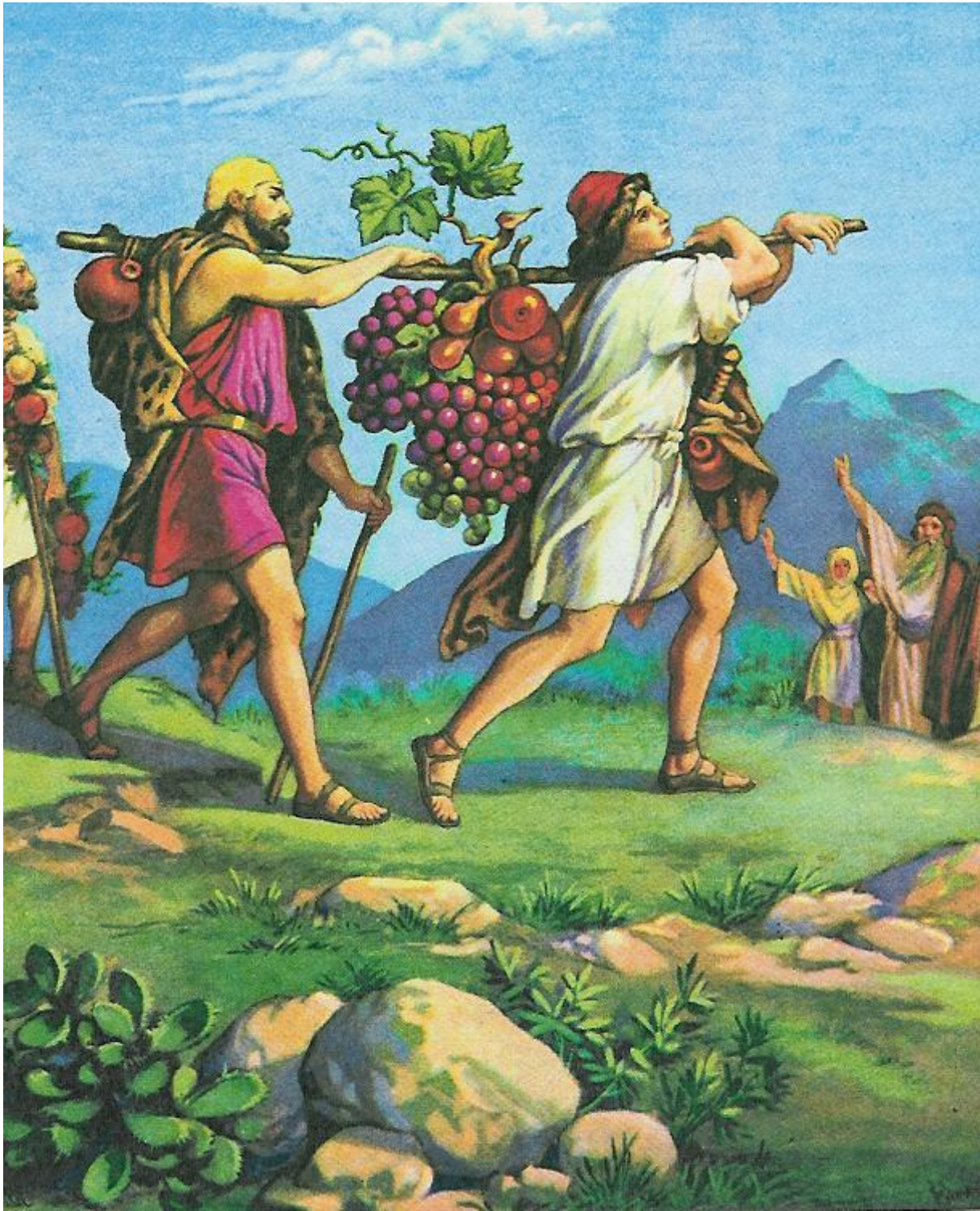
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"...Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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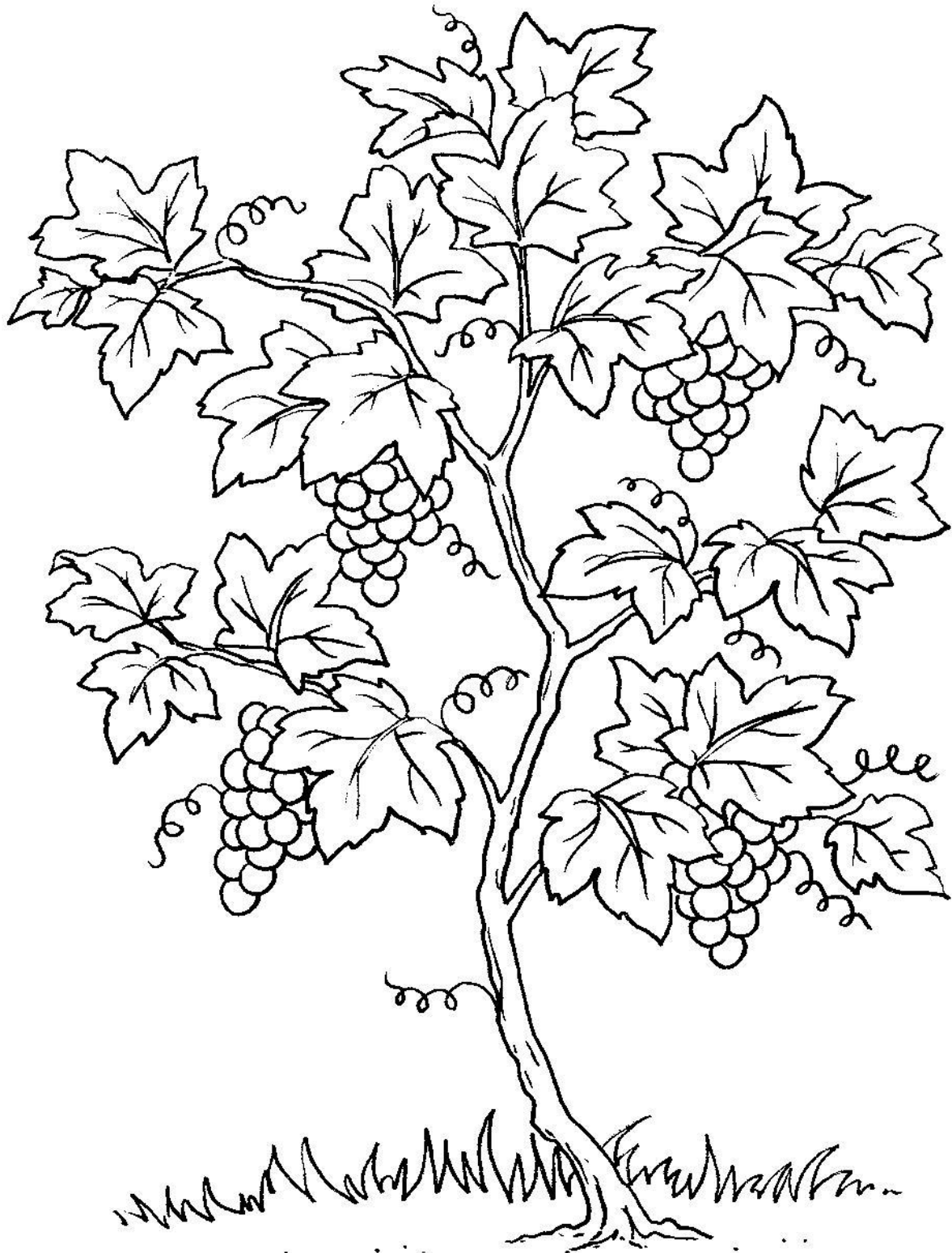
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*A landowner hired men to work in his vineyard every few hours*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CLOCKS

Students will make a clock to remind them that the landowner hired men every few hours to work in his vineyard. When it came time to pay each worker, they were all paid the same.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Clock Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Hole Punch
5. Paper Brads
6. Glue
7. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
8. Paper Plates



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Clock Pattern” onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the clock hands and numbers with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Have students cut out the numbers and clock hands.
4. Allow students to glue the numbers onto the paper plate.
5. Punch a hole through the black dots on the two clock hands with a hole punch.
6. Using a paper brad, affix the clock hands to the center of the paper plate.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their clocks, remind them of how the landowner went out every few hours to hire workers for his vineyard. It was not until the landowner began payment, that the first hired men began to complain. Though they all agreed to work for a denarius, the first hired felt they deserved more because of the amount of work they did relative to the last ones hired. The landowner chose to be generous to all he hired regardless of how much they worked. Our Father in heaven extends the same offer to us. Regardless of when we became a Christian, we all will receive eternal life with Him if we receive Him as our Savior. Even those who have only been Christians a short while will receive the same glorious gift.

**TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:** Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

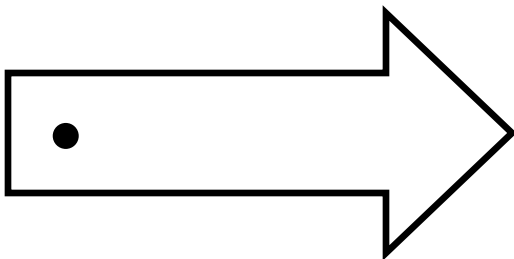
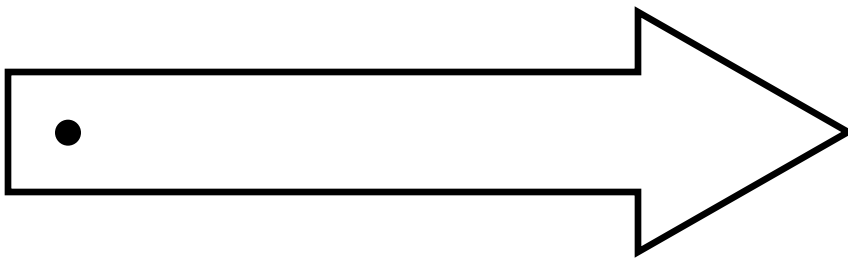
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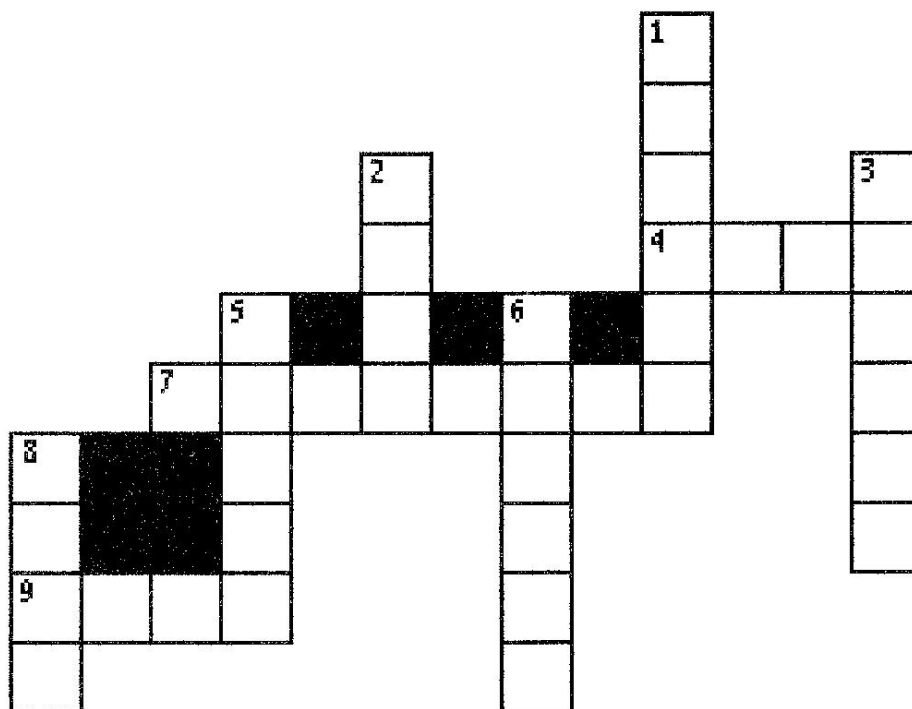
CLOCK PATTERN

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7	8	9	10	11	12



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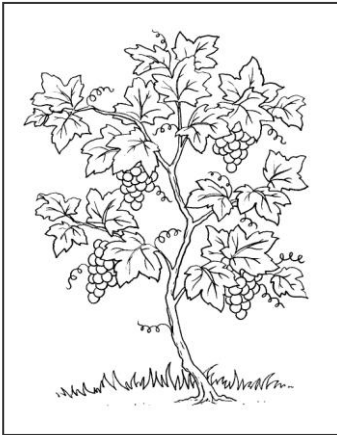


- 7 ACROSS "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his \_\_\_\_\_. " **MATTHEW 20:1**
- 1 DOWN "Now when he had \_\_\_\_\_ with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard." **MATTHEW 20:2**
- 8 DOWN "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing \_\_\_\_\_ in the marketplace." **MATTHEW 20:3**
- 5 DOWN "...and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is \_\_\_\_\_ I will give you.'..." **MATTHEW 20:4**
- 9 ACROSS "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the \_\_\_\_\_ to the first.' " **MATTHEW 20:8**
- 4 ACROSS "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they \_\_\_\_\_ received a denarius." **MATTHEW 20:9**
- 2 DOWN "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive \_\_\_\_\_; and they likewise received each a denarius." **MATTHEW 20:10**
- 6 DOWN "Is it not \_\_\_\_\_ for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?" **MATTHEW 20:15**
- 3 DOWN "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few \_\_\_\_\_." **MATTHEW 20:16**

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Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers to work in his

vineyard. He agreed to pay the workers a denarius for the day and sent them to work in his vineyard.

Later, the landowner hired more men. And even later he hired more men.

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard had the foreman pay each man a denarius. The men who worked all day were upset to earn the same amount as the men who worked for only a short time.

The landowner said, "Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?"

For more details, please read Matthew 20:1-16 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What did the landowner do every few hours?
2. When evening came, what did the owner of the vineyard ask his foreman to do?
3. How much was each worker paid?
4. Why do you think the first workers hired were upset with their pay?

## MEMORY VERSE

"...Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

## TRUE OR FALSE?

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|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | F | The landowner agreed to pay 1 denarius for working.        |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The landowner hired men at different times during the day. |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The landowner had the workers pick tomatoes.               |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The next morning all of the workers got paid.              |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The workers all got paid the same.                         |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | Everyone was happy with their pay.                         |