The Parable of the Vineyard

MATTHEW 20:1–16

This week's theme is GENEROSITY. Workers were hired at different times of the day to pick grapes in a vineyard. The owner showed generosity by paying all the workers an equal amount, no matter how long they worked.

First and Last

Choose a leader and ask family members to line up behind them. Say Matthew 20:16 together while the leader hops to the end of the line and everyone else hops one place closer to the front. Continue until everyone has a chance to be first and last in line.

Equal Coins

The vineyard owner paid all the workers the same amount. Put a dollar's worth of different coins on the table for each family member. Choose an amount less than a dollar (for example, 75 cents) and take turns paying each other. How many ways can you make the same amount with different coins?

Generosity Journal

This story shows us how God is equally generous with all of us! Keep a generosity journal on your refrigerator or bulletin board. Give each family member a different color pen to write or draw ways that you all see generosity throughout the week. When you have finished with the week of journaling, discuss WHY God loves us all the same.

Allowance Giveaway

Do you get a weekly allowance? Be generous and give away your allowance this week. Find a nonprofit organization to receive your allowance. Talk about how that organization uses donations to help others. How can giving feel like a reward?

Three Cards

Think of someone you have known your whole life, someone you have known for about a year, and someone you have known for a month or less. Make a card for each of these people telling them why they are important to you. Try to be equally generous with all three.

This week our family is praying for . . .

Kitchen Fun

Do you eat grape jelly? The main ingredient comes from a vineyard. Try making some homemade jelly together. Jelly recipes make lots, so eat some, save some, and give some away as a reminder to be generous.

Help It Grow

Vineyards and farms are places where food is grown. Ask family members to choose a food from the refrigerator or cupboard. Research online to learn where the food is grown/made and who grew or packaged it. Say a prayer of thanks for farmers and workers who grow or process our food.

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