



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle A – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 55, 6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 20-24.7; Mathew 20, 1-16*

### The Last Will Be First

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So, they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

### Reflection

Jesus teaches with a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven, the community that loves and follows Jesus. Jesus wants that His followers want the best for their brothers and sisters always, putting their happiness before their own. **Who does the landowner represent?** God. **Who do the laborers represent?** The followers of Jesus. **Why do some laborers get upset?** Those that started working at the end of the day received the same payment as those who had worked a full day. **How does Jesus respond?** They had received the agreed upon payment so no injustice was done. He is free to spend his money at will. **What does the payment represent in the Kingdom of God?** God rewards with peace and eternal life those who follow Him and help build His Kingdom. To follow Jesus, we must love our neighbor and desire their salvation. We should be happy when a sinner repents and follows Jesus and not judge them for taking so long. **What does it mean “the last will be first, and the first will be last”?** Those who love and serve Jesus and their neighbor will be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. **How can we serve Jesus and our neighbor?** Share.



### Activity

On the following page, color and follow the path from each laborer to the foreman then fill the blank with the syllable next to the laborer. On the other page, color how we can love our neighbor and thus help build the Kingdom of God. Write what you will do this week to love and serve your neighbor.

### Prayer

Jesus, help me to love as You love and to serve as You serve to help build the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

**Song:** Denarius Rap Song, Kyle Jones, <https://youtu.be/cLouA3KytUQ>

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MnkYtHK6Wwji192IoIRr2IDkg83Rj\\_v/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MnkYtHK6Wwji192IoIRr2IDkg83Rj_v/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true)



Mathew 20, 1-16

Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.



The laborers will seek their pay. Follow the path from the laborer to the foreman. Fill the corresponding blank with the word next to the worker.

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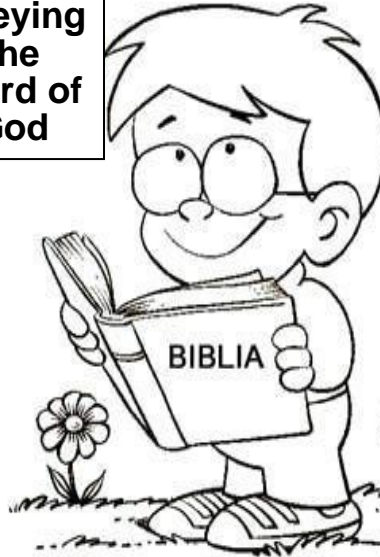


**WE CAN GIVE LOVE**

**Giving a present**



**Obeying  
the  
Word of  
God**



**Evangelizing**



**Helping a Friend**



**Helping those in Need**



**Giving a Hug or Kiss**



**Jesus, help me to love as You love. This week I want to love and help more my neighbor by:**



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