

'GOD IS GENEROUS, WHY WE BE ENVIOUS?'

Children's liturgy activity September 20th , 2020



VERSES OF THE WEEK

The LORD is near to
all who call upon him,
to all who call upon
him in truth
- Psalms 145:18

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his friends about the generosity of the Lord. Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out to hire laborers for his vineyard. He started early in the dawn. After agreeing to give daily wage, He sent few of them to the vineyard. He went out at 9'o clock, at noon ,3'o clock and 5'o clock and found few of them standing idle in the marketplace, He asked them to go to the vineyard and agreed to give them what is just. In the evening, the landowner asked his supervisor to give the pay. Beginning from the last to the first arrived, the same wage was given. But the first arrived thought they would get more because they worked long. They grumbled at the owner for giving the same wage to the last comers. But the owner said to them that he was not cheating them but gave what has been agreed. He asked them why they were envious of the others that he gave them the same wage? 'Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?'

In this parable, the landowner is our Lord and the vineyard is the Kingdom of Heaven. We are the ones that God have called through Baptism to freely enter the kingdom of God, rewarding us SALVATION and ETERNAL LIFE. ARE WE RESPONDING TO THE CALL WE RECEIVED; BY LIVING THE GOSPEL? God is generous to reward all who responds and accepts His call to salvation through Jesus. ARE WE BEING ENVIOUS BY COMPARING OTHERS AND COMPLAINING? Let us realize that, the generous God who bless us is the one who bless others. Let us be thankful to God for His blessings and for all whom He blesses because of their faith in Him. Let us be generous to all as our lord is to us. Let the aim of our life in Christ be the salvation of souls.

SEARCH AND CIRCLE THE TIMES THAT THE LANDOWNER WENT TO SEEK LABORERS FOR HIS VINEYARD

WHICH ALL TIME DID I GO TO FIND LABORERS?

NOON

COMPLETE THE VERSES

1. Give -----, and you will----- . Help others, and you will -----more for yourself. (Proverbs 11:25)

2. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity. (2 Corinthians 9:11)

MATCH THE CORRECT PAIR



THE KINGDOM OF GOD



GOD



WE, THE BAPTISED

Are you envious
because I am
generous?(Mat20:16)



BE GENEROUS

Unscramble the words to find out' How we can be generous?'

RAIGNSH

CNIESRE

ITPEATN

NFATKHLU

RAECPIETAP

RICAGN

NKDI

LPELUHF

IARHTYC

HUOGHTLUFT

Prayer for Generosity

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,

Teach me true generosity.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve.

To give without counting the cost,

To fight heedless of wounds,

To labor without seeking rest,

To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward

Save the knowledge that I have done your will.

Amen.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola