THE WORD Wednesday

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity.

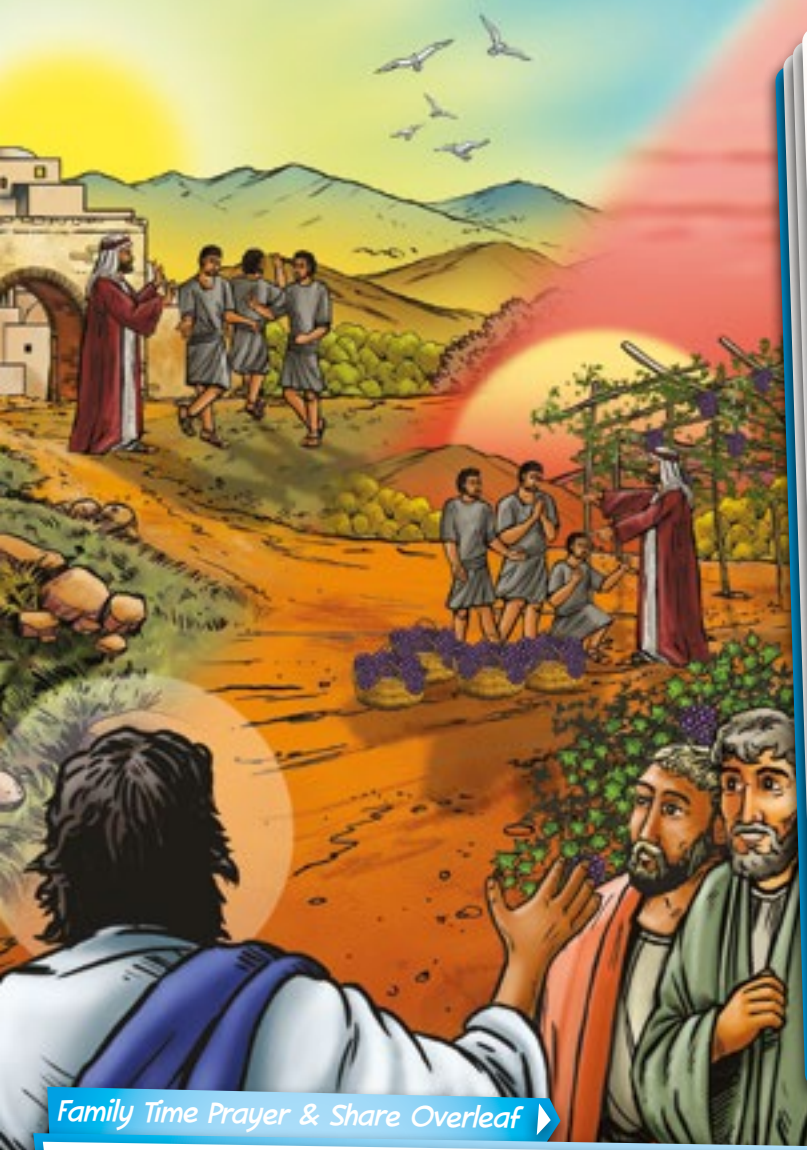
God's ways are not our ways. At first, it may appear unfair that the workers who started early were only paid the same as those who arrived later. But, on reflection, we see that not only was the Landowner being fair by paying what had been agreed, he was being overly generous through rewarding everyone equally (even those who came at the last hour). God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us.

Find out more through enjoying a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **GENEROUS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough

A Word from the Saints

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous – to give and not to count the cost." St Ignatius (Prayer for Generosity)



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 20th September 2026

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Then at various times throughout the day, even right up to the eleventh hour, the landowner hired and sent more workers into his vineyard. In the evening, he said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay everyone one denarius each.' The ones who had worked all day grumbled at the landowner, complaining that he paid the men who came last the same amount as them. The landowner said, 'My friends, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

Adapted from Matthew 20:1-16

The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf

Good News for Everyone

This Sunday's Gospel can remind us how God has important work for each one of us, helping to make the world a better place, building God's kingdom. We are also reminded of God's generosity. God loves us and is more generous than we could ever imagine – wanting to take care of all our needs.

SPREAD THE WORD and bring **GOOD NEWS** to your friends by sharing ***THE WEDNESDAY WORD***

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Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME (10 minutes)

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus said to his friends: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hired some workers in the morning and agreed to pay them a silver coin for a full day's work. Much later in the day he hired more workers to work on his land. Then, at the end of the day, he paid each person the same amount. Those who started in the morning were unhappy that those who started later were being paid the same. But the landowner said to them, 'I paid you what we agreed; so why be jealous just because I am generous?'"

Why were some workers jealous?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

GENEROUS

"God is generous. He shows us all his love and encourages us to be generous." *Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)*

Ask your child what the word 'generous' means to them. Can they remember a time, at home, at school or in the community, when they were generous, when they last gave something away without expecting anything in return? Who do they know who is a generous person - that is, someone who is willing to share and to put others' needs first? How does your child feel when someone is generous towards them and gives them first choice or shares a special treat with them?

Being generous brings us closer to God. God wants us to be generous and, just like the workers in the Gospel, it's never too late to start! We can be generous by sharing our possessions, but God also calls us to be generous with our time and our love. How can we be generous in this coming week? Perhaps we can: give some of our time to talk to someone in need; try especially hard to share with others; give any toys or unused items to a charity; offer to help someone - maybe a new classmate who has joined our school.

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Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your generous love. Please help us to grow in generosity and to do your work in the world with a loving and generous heart. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- HIRED WORKERS
- PAID EACH
- AGREED AMOUNT
- GOD GENEROUS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **i b c** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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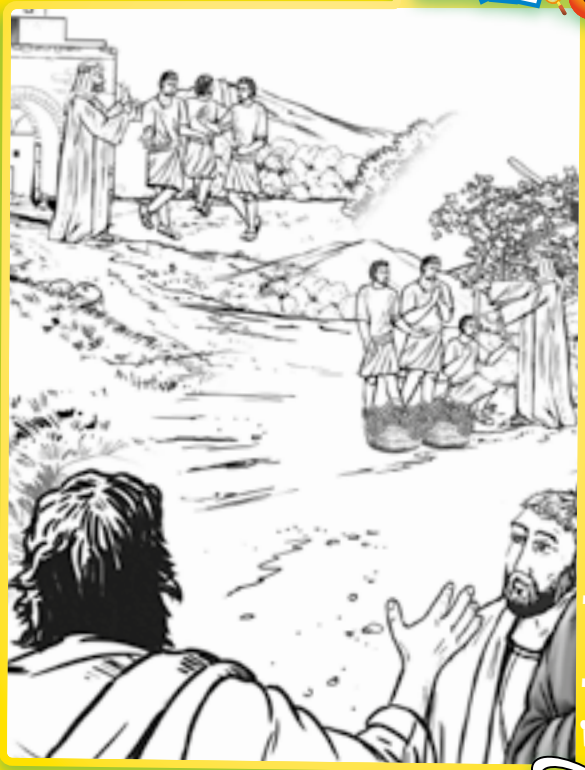
The _____ said to _____, " Why be jealous _____ because I am _____?"

Out of his generosity God has created us to live in complete harmony and happiness with him and each other - forever! Through being generous, we help each other to feel God's love and something of the joy that God has in store for us.

FINDING THREE



Find and **draw 3** differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...

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Write a promise & **draw** a big smile on Smiley

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