

LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Family Guide:

This is a guide designed for families to use in addition to our Children's Liturgy of the Word video for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time! Included in this guide are the Opening and Closing prayers, the Gospel Reading, Reflection and Reflection Questions, and Directions for the craft activity. You will find a resource page with additional activities as well!

Opening Hymn:

Those Who Love and Those Who Labor ([CLICK HERE](#))

Opening Prayer:

Generous and giving God,

We thank you for all of the good things you have given to us. You created this world with enough in it for all people. We ask that you help us share our gifts with others so that everyone may have what they need.

Amen.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 55: 6-9

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call on him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia ([Click Here](#))



Gospel

Matthew 20: 1-16a

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

As Jesus was telling what the kingdom of heaven would be like, he said: “Early one morning a man went out to hire some workers for his vineyard. After he had agreed to pay them the usual amount for a day’s work, he sent them off to his vineyard. “About nine that morning, the man saw some other people standing in the market with nothing to do. He said he would pay them what was fair, if they would work in his vineyard. So they went. “At noon and again about three in the afternoon he returned to the market. And each time he made the same agreement with others who were loafing around with nothing to do. “Finally, about five in the afternoon the man went back and found some

others standing there. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. Then he told them to go work in his vineyard. “That evening the owner of the vineyard told the man in charge of the workers to call them in and give them their money. He also told the man to begin with the ones who were hired last. When the workers arrived, the ones who had been hired at five in the afternoon were given a full day’s pay. “The workers who had been hired first thought they would be given more than the others. But when they were given the same, they began complaining to the owner of the vineyard. They said, ‘The ones who were hired last worked for only one hour. But you paid them the same that you did us. And we worked in the hot sun all day long!’ “The owner answered one of them, ‘Friend, I didn’t cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on. Take your money now and go! What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Why should you be jealous, if I want to be generous?’” Jesus then said, “So it is! Everyone who is now first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ*

Reflection and Reflection Questions

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of the vineyard owner who needed to hire workers to do different jobs in his vineyard. There was so much work that needed to be done: the vines needed to be watered, weeded, and carefully pruned. And at harvest time, the fruit the vines produced would need to be gathered – before being used to make wine. For their work, the vineyard owner offered one Denarius – which is like one day’s wage. While some workers were happy with this, there were some workers who were annoyed because everyone received the same reward – even if they worked a shorter day. Those workers who grumbled and were annoyed, believed those who had worked in the vineyard longest deserved a greater reward for their efforts. The vineyard owner saw this differently. He believed that every worker had an important job and part to play. It was only with the combined efforts of all the workers that the harvest would be rich and fruitful. Now Jesus compared his kingdom to the vineyard and said his followers were like

the hired workers. Jesus invites everyone to share in the work of producing a rich harvest in his kingdom. It takes so many different people, doing so many different things, sharing their gifts in so many different ways, to bring forth the kingdom. What we do as individuals is important and valued by God – and everyone is offered the same when our work is completed – eternal life with God. Take some time this week to think about ways you and your family can bring forth the kingdom. What can you do to share your love with others? What are some things your family can do to show justice and mercy? What can you do as a family to be more generous towards each other and to those around you?

Profession of Faith

Yes Lord, I Believe! ([Click Here](#))

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Family Activity

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to teach us about the kingdom of heaven. A parable is like a gift, and it's something that has been given to us to hear. Though sometimes we have to take time to explore that gift to know better what Jesus means. Today's Gospel gives us some sense of God's generosity and so for the family activity, complete the attached worksheet. Take some time to think about how you and your family can be more generous towards one another and how you can extend that generosity towards neighbors, friends, and your community.

Closing Prayer:

God, we thank you for your generosity and your love. Help us to take no more than what we need and to be generous with the things we have. Help us to work together so that this world is a just, generous and loving place to live.

Amen.

Closing Hymn:

From the Vineyard of the Lord ([Click Here](#))

Family Resources

- **[The Kid's Bulletin: September 20th, 2020](#)**
- **[Loyola Press Monthly Craft: September](#)**



Draw a picture of your family being generous.

Some people in our life who are generous are:





Ideas for how we can show generosity towards others:

1. -----
2. -----
3. -----

Draw pictures below of ways God is generous to you.
(What are some of the gifts that God has given to you?)