

Q8

LIFE OF JESUS

The Vineyard Workers

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Invite a few kids to the front. Tell them you will reward them if they successfully complete a challenge. Tell the first kid to do 10 jumping jacks. Tell the second to do 5 jumping jacks and the last to do one. Then, give them each a piece of candy. Then, ask the kid who did 10 jumping jacks how it felt to see the kid who only did one get the same reward.

Before we jump into our lesson this week, I have a question for you. Have you ever felt like other people were rewarded when they didn't deserve it? (allow kids to answer). Maybe you worked on a school project with some kids and you did all the work yet you all got the same grade. How does that feel when that happens? (allow kids to answer). It stinks, huh! We want to be rewarded for our hard work! (If you used the Leader Tip, review how it seemed unfair that one did more than another and both got the same amount of candy.)

Well in today's lesson, we are going to learn an important story Jesus told about some workers in a vineyard and some things that happened that seemed really unfair.

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

Song

Song #1

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: God's kingdom isn't always fair and that's a good thing. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- How long did the first group work in the vineyard? (All day)
- Why did some workers feel their pay was unfair? (Some worked longer and harder.)
- True or False: We have to earn God's forgiveness. (F)

This is absolutely false! The Bible is clear that we can't do anything to earn God's love or forgiveness. We can't earn it by being really kind to our friends or super generous with our money. We can never do enough good things to earn God's love. That was the point of the story Jesus was telling about the vineyard workers. It doesn't matter how hard some worked and others didn't. At the end of the day, God's love and forgiveness isn't based on what we do. It's based on what he did for us!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"God (point up) saved you by his grace (hands out holding a gift) when you believed. And you (point out) can't take credit for this; it's a gift (hands out holding a gift) from God (point up)." Ephesians 2:8 (Repeat)

Grace means gift. Think about your last birthday. Did people bring you gifts? Did you have to do something to earn those gifts? No, they brought gifts because they love you. That's how forgiveness works for us. Jesus offers us the gift of forgiveness because he loves us. He doesn't make us jump through hoops to get it. He offers us the gift and our job is to accept it. When we accept the gift, we simply tell Jesus that we're sorry for our sins and that we are so thankful for what he did for us on the cross and we invite him to live in our hearts. That's it!

So kids, let's learn from this story and don't be like the vineyard workers. Remember, we can't do anything to earn God's love and forgiveness. We just have to accept the gift.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

God's kingdom isn't always fair and that's a good thing. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.