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Is That Fair?

Jonah 3 v10 - 4 v11 Matthew 20 1-16

'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

Matthew 20 v12 (New International Version)

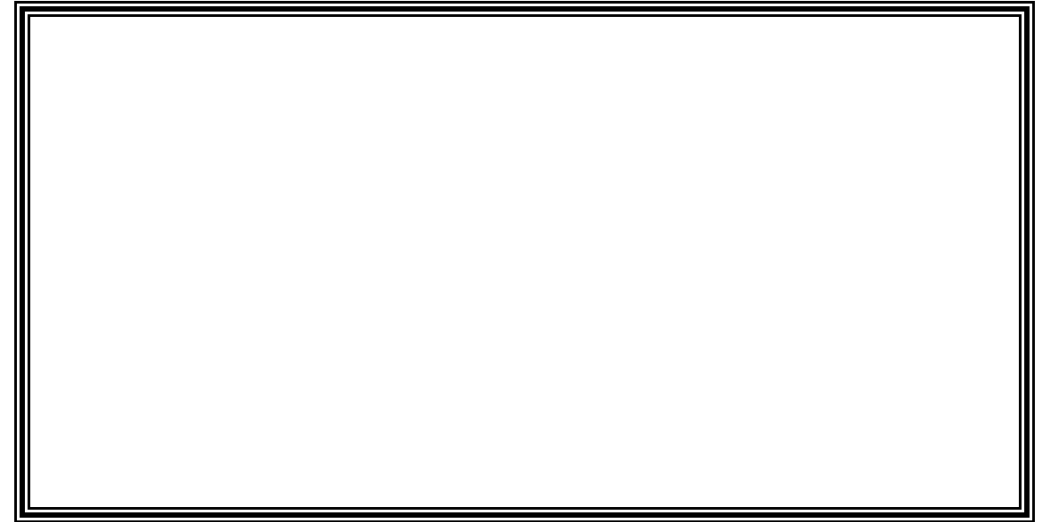
Sometimes things just don't seem fair. Today's gospel is a parable. Early one morning a vineyard owner went out to hire some workers for the day. He agreed to pay the workers 1 denarius, the usual day's wages for a vineyard worker. During the day the owner went out to find more workers. At 5 o'clock, one hour before the end of the work day, the owner hired one more group of workers. At 6 o'clock the owner paid the workers who had just worked an hour first, he gave them each a denarius. When the ones who had worked all day saw this they thought they would be given more as they had done more work but they were given 1 denarius just as had been agreed. They began to complain that it was unfair. The owner reminded them that they had agreed to work for 1 denarius and that was what they had been given. 'Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?' said the owner. Jesus said the vineyard was like the Kingdom of Heaven, all God's followers receive the same reward of everlasting life because God is generous and not because we have earned it.

Today's Activities:

- 1) How did you feel challenge
- 2) Dot to dot

The Activities

Think of a time you received a reward or a gift you were not expecting. How did you feel? Draw or write about it in the box below.



Do you know what fruit is grown in a vineyard? Join the dots and finish the picture to find the answer.

