Gather: Sit in a circle with your family, and join hands while you say the opening prayer. “Dear God, we are so thankful for this wonderful day. Thank you for our family, friends, and many blessings. Please watch over us, and be with those who are not with us that they may feel your love. Amen.”

Lesson: Jesus told parables, or stories, to teach us about God. Today we’re going to hear the story about some workers in a vineyard. A vineyard is a big farm where they grow grapes. In this story, the man who owns the vineyard represents God.

Click the lesson video link on the web site to hear the story about workers in the vineyard.

The workers who worked all day were upset the vineyard owner paid them the same amount as the workers who only worked a couple hours. The owner wasn’t being unfair to the workers who worked all day. He paid them what he had promised and was generous to those who worked less. He was willing to pay those who came to work last the same as those who came to work first.

This story teaches us that God is generous to all, even to those who may not deserve it. The word we use to talk about how Jesus saves us is salvation. Salvation is the same generous gift for everyone. “The last will be first, and the first will be last.” No matter how long we have served God on earth, we are all given God’s gift of grace and salvation.

Craft: Materials needed: paper, scissors, crayons, glue/tape

- Cut out strips of purple or yellow paper.
- On a separate piece of paper glue the ends of the strips leaving a bubble in the middle.
- Add a vine and hang up to remember the story of the workers in the vineyard!