

The Workers in the Vineyard

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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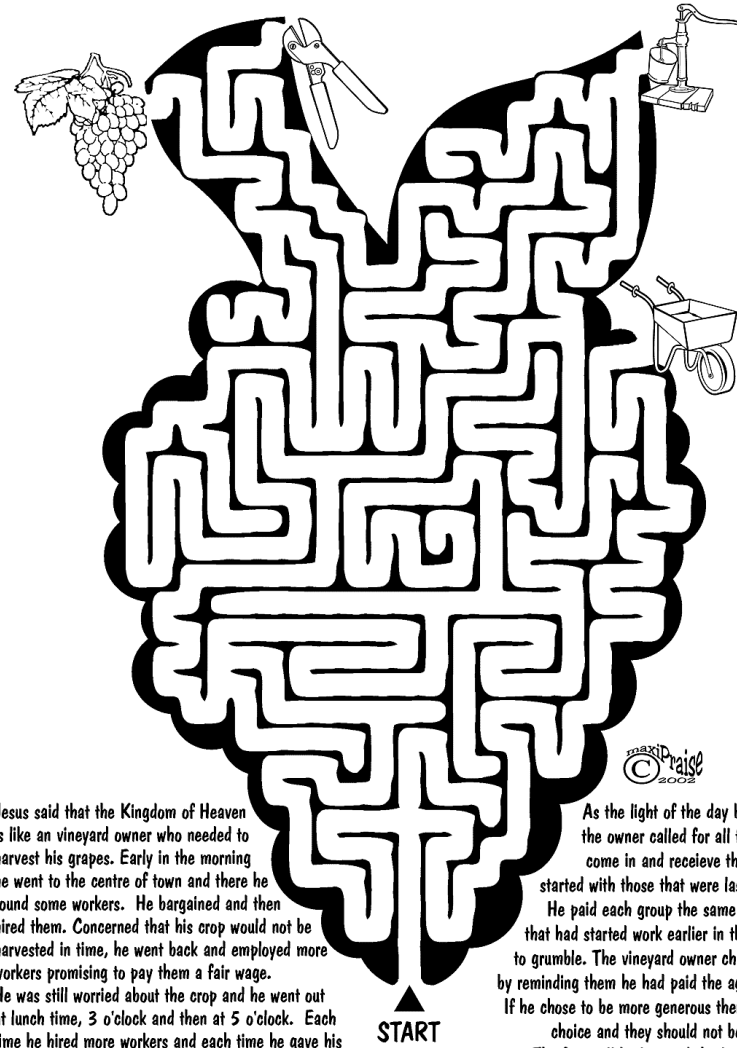
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- 26-2-13-11-15 _____
- 5-2-10-21 _____
- 25-21-10-26-20-17-11 _____
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- 17-7-9-1 _____

VINEYARD	UNFAIR	WORKERS	GRUMBLE	HIRED
LAST	GENEROUS	FIRST	MONEY	HOUR

Variable

The Vineyard Laborers

Help the labourers to find their way through the vineyard to the grapes.



Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is like an vineyard owner who needed to harvest his grapes. Early in the morning he went to the centre of town and there he found some workers. He bargained and then hired them. Concerned that his crop would not be harvested in time, he went back and employed more workers promising to pay them a fair wage. He was still worried about the crop and he went out at lunch time, 3 o'clock and then at 5 o'clock. Each time he hired more workers and each time he gave his word to pay a fair wage.

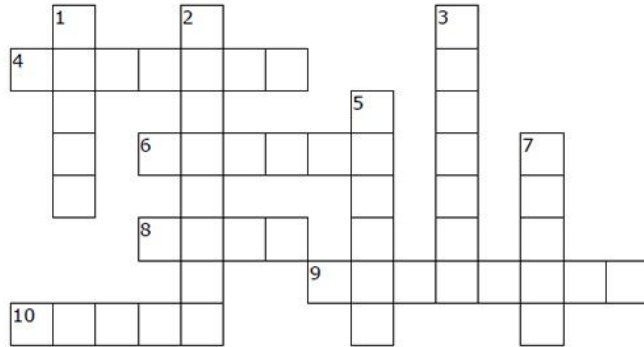
As the light of the day began to fade, the owner called for all the workers to come in and receive their wages. He started with those that were last to be hired. He paid each group the same wage. Those that had started work earlier in the day started to grumble. The vineyard owner challenged them by reminding them he had paid the agreed amount. If he chose to be more generous than that was his choice and they should not be so resentful. The first will be last and the last will be first.



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ACROSS

4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
6. The place where God lives
8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
9. A place where grapes are grown
10. Pay received for working

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
2. To give or share freely with others
3. To gripe or complain
5. Not playing by the rules
7. Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL

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 R Y H Q P G Y Y V V D B S K P
 E U G V H E H E A V E N U I H
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 G B Z Y G D G T X R E V Q B N

MONEY	HOUR	EQUAL	WORKERS	VINEYARD
LANDOWNER	HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	KINGDOM	GENEROUS
WAGES	HIRED	UNFAIR	RIGHT	RECEIVED