SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable (a special story that teaches us) about a landowner, a man who hires people throughout the day to work for him. When the day is over and it is time for them to be paid, the man pays everyone the same amount even though some men worked longer than others. The men who started work at the beginning of the day become upset that they didn't make extra money, even though they got paid a fair wage.
In this parable, Jesus teaches us many lessons. One lesson is that God is merciful and generous. He desires all of us to be saved, even those who we think don't "deserve" it. Jesus also teaches us that we should never judge. The men got upset because they didn't think the landowner was being fair. But they shouldn't have judged the landowner. Finally, Jesus says that "the last will be first, and the first will be last." Just because people are rich or important in the eyes of the world doesn't mean that they are holy in the eyes of God. We must always seek to be holy and pleasing to God, instead of worrying about what others think of us.

Activities:

- As a family, pay attention to your conversations this week. Are you judging others or seeking to be generous towards them, as God is?
- Read the Gospel as a family. Are there any other lessons you can find from today's parable?
- God is generous and forgiving! Take time today to simply thank God for His immense generosity.