



Parable of Workers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16



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“So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, ‘Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.’ And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, saying, ‘These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them, and said, ‘Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?’ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.”



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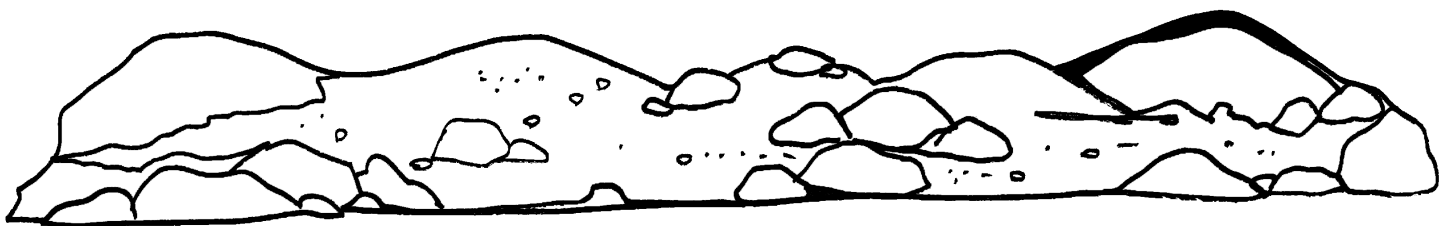
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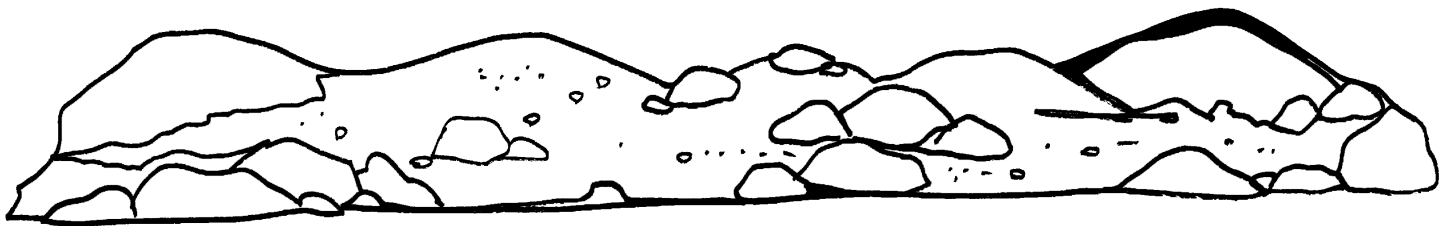


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Imagine you were telling this story to someone. How would you tell the story in your own words?

How do you think you would have felt if you had been one of the workers who were hired first?

How do you think you would have felt if you had been one of the workers who were hired last?

Why do you think the man in charge decided to give everyone the same wage? Write your thoughts on the next page.

