

The Vineyard Workers

Jesus told this story to teach about God.

A farmer needed workers for his vineyard where he grew grapes. "Will you work in my vineyard?" he asked some people.

"How much will you pay?" they answered.

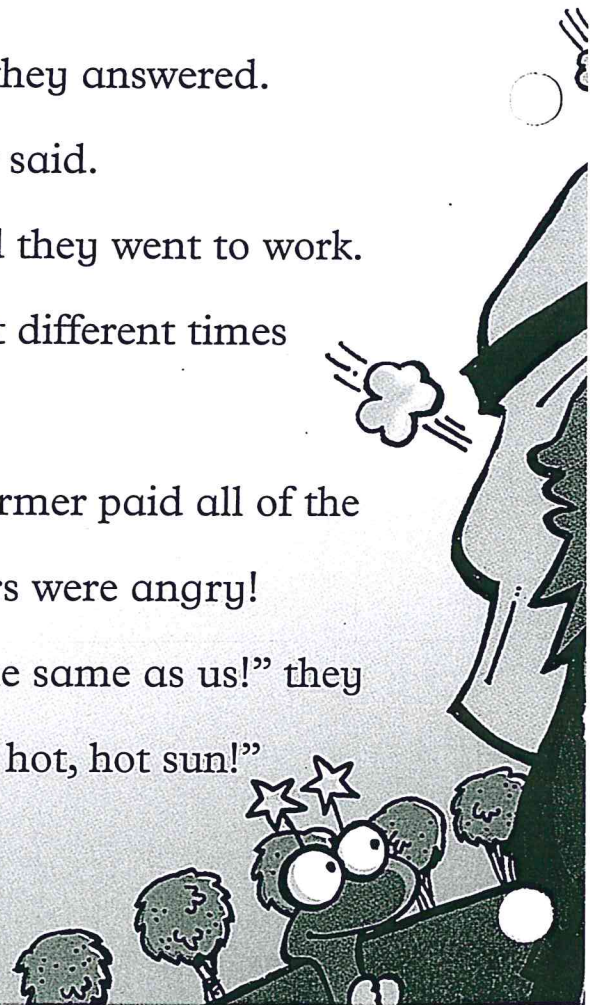
"One day's pay," the farmer said.

"Okay," said the people, and they went to work.

The farmer hired other workers at different times all day.

When they were done, the farmer paid all of the workers the same. The first workers were angry!

"You paid the last workers the same as us!" they shouted. "We worked longer in the hot, hot sun!"



The farmer answered, "I gave you what I promised you. Are you upset because I'm being generous to the others?"

Jesus said that God is generous like the farmer. "The last will be first and the first will be last with God," he said.

★ Practice being generous. Let someone take an extra turn in a game or do extra chores at home.

