

1- THEME: Parable – The last minute workers

2- OBJECTIVE: The child must recognize in this parable that Jesus call to our attention that it is important we use our time the best we can, in search of our spiritual growth.

3- BIOGRAPHY:

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4- CLASS:

a) Initial incentive: dialogue

The teacher must start the class by telling the children that in today's class they will study another parable that Jesus told. Afterwards, the teacher must ask if someone remembers the meaning of the parable. And next, ask if someone ever heard of the Parable of the Last Minute Workers.

b) Development: The teacher distributes the text, or tell the parable of the Last minute workers, already transcribed in words best understood by children.

After the teacher read or told the parable, ask the children why Jesus would tell this parable. Under the understanding that a pure spirit such as Jesus would not come to Earth in order to simply tell parables to distract people, we must look for the teachings which the parable certainly offers us.

At first sight, it seems that it was fair enough that the workers complained about their boss' decision of paying them the same salary as he paid the other workers who did not work full day, and only had worked for one hour. This is human reasoning, the world's idea of justice, which only takes in consideration the exterior part of things. In the parable's case, they did not have any reason to complain for they did receive exactly the amount that was promised to them by their boss. Their boss had pre arranged the salary before the work started and had lived up to his word.

After these remarks, distribute piece of papers with words or write words on the board, and ask the children to find any connection they find in the text with the words, more or less in accordance with the following interpretations:

Faith: The first teaching of the parable is faith. Those who were hired last minute had faith. Their thoughts and prayers besides reaching God, reached also the owner of the Vineyard, who certainly was touched by their honest desire to work vibration of their thoughts. Hence he hired them even though it was already late in the day.

Persistence: A demonstration of living faith is their persistence on looking for a job , looking for someone who would hire them until the end of the day. It would have been in vain, if they had simply asked God yet got lazy and decided to give up and leave. But they stayed until almost the end of the day waiting for someone to hire them, until finally they had the opportunity to work and earn their bread honestly.

Trust: The workers who were hired last minute, did not discuss how much they were going to earn for their work. They accepted without knowing how much they would earn. They took advantage of the

Opportunity that had been given to them. They trusted the owner of the vineyard; they had trust in the value of their work and knew they could obtain good results as a result of their work.

Decision: The workers hired last minute decided to immediately accept the work that had been offered to them. This attitude shows they knew what they wanted, and soon the opportunity came up. On the

Other hand, had they been indecisive, the rest of the day would have gone by and they would not have had the opportunity to work.

Dedication: Those men, who were hired last minute, must have worked with dedication, and enthusiasm, and **must have** fully seized the opportunity that was given to them. Hence, this apparent effort and dedication was

Noticed by the owner of the vineyard who in turn decided to pay them for a full day as well.

Jealousy: We can take opportunity of many teachings regarding jealousy. We should not worry about what others do and what belongs to them. The owner of the vineyard paid what he found to be fair. It is very

Important that we concern ourselves with our lives, and take care of our responsibilities. We should only be concerned with other people's lives when we notice that they need us. Then, yes, we must take an active

Role in observing their actions, but not with the intent of questioning them, but with the intent of doing our best to help them.

Justice: We can see from the parable that a numeric control, doesn't always allow us to evaluate and bring justice. If the owner of the vineyard was to pay only based in the working hours, then, the

Merit would had been different. However, he took into consideration the other factors which can not be measured mathematically. Such values, cannot always be considered by people who are not firmly

Determined in doing justice. Only the ones who are looking forward to doing what is right develop this sensibility which goes beyond a number value. The owner of the vineyard had this sensibility.

Choice: When Jesus said that many are called but a few chosen, he didn't mean to say that there was a special preference between this or that person, based only on the merit of each. The Master call

Us to the attention to the fact that among the ones called there are the ones who are chosen, for they earned their merit, as such the last minute workers did.

SUMMARY AND AVALIATION

The Kingdom of Heaven is similar to a family's father who left at the dawn searching for workers to work at this grape vine. He then arranged with the ones he found, that he would pay them one

"denario" daily to each one and they went to work at his vineyard.

At sunrise, the owner of the vineyard left again, and found some people doing nothing. He invited them to work at his vineyard and they went there with him.

Then, he left again in the early afternoon and late afternoon he did the same. In the very late afternoon, he found some people unemployed and asked them: "Why are you without work all day?"

They answered: "Because no one has contracted us." Then, the owner of the vineyard invited them to work, and told them he would pay them a fair salary.

In the evening, the owner of the vineyard called one of his employees who was in charge of taking care of his business arrangements and told him: "Call the workers who are working in the field,

And pay them what is right, starting with the last ones and ending with the first ones."

Hence, the workers who started working last started coming first, and each one received their salary. Afterwards, came the ones who were hired first, expecting that they would receive more money.

However, each one received one "denario" exactly the amount that had been promised to them. They became discontent with the owner's decision and proceeded to express their complaint to the

Owner: "The workers who arrived late only worked one hour and received the same salary as we, who worked all day under the sun, received."

Then the owner said to one of them: "My friend, I am not harming you. Haven't we arranged that you would receive one "denario" per day?" "Take what belongs to you and go on your way; I want to give the ones who arrived late the same I gave to you. Or am I not allowed to do whatever I wish with what is mine". Or could it be your eye is evil because mine is good?"

It is in this way, that the last will be the first ones and the first will be the last ones, for many were called but only a few were chosen.