

Leader:

Time:

Try it in Your Group

Draw or Act It Out

Goal

Students understand and remember the Bible passages by acting or drawing them out.

Instructions

- Write the reference Matthew 20:1-16 on a whiteboard.
- Divide students into two groups. Ask students if they would rather draw or act out Jesus' story about the workers.
- Guide students to open their Bibles to the passage. Instruct them to take turns reading the passage aloud. For beginning readers, the CL may read aloud instead.
- *For drawing:* Instruct group to review together what happened. Divide the passage into sections based on how many students you have. Let each student choose a part of the story they would like to draw. Distribute paper and drawing tools, then draw.
- *For acting:* Encourage students to pick a part they want to play, including a narrator. Tell them to read the passage aloud again, using it as the script as they practice their parts. Direct them to use facial expressions, gestures, and props.
- Allow time for each group to act out or share their drawings with the other group.

Summarize

Jesus told stories to people to explain the kingdom of God in ways they could understand. In this lesson the owner is like God. Jesus is teaching that His promise of eternal life belongs equally to all who follow Him. No one deserves to go to heaven and live forever. God graciously gives salvation to undeserving people. We receive this grace by responding in faith. We repent of our sins and believe in Jesus as Lord.

God is just. He will judge sin, but He offers forgiveness to all who will respond in faith to Jesus. When we realize how undeserving we are and how amazing God's grace towards us is, we want to share His grace with other people. **God calls us to serve and love Jesus and others.**

Discussion

- ★ Did the owner say he was being fair or unfair in the story Jesus told?
- Why would the workers who worked all day long be upset?
- How much work does God require for someone to go to heaven? Is this fair?
- How could you show love to someone by offering them grace they don't deserve?

Extend

Groups switch and do the other option than the one they chose. If they drew, let them act. If they acted, let them draw.

Supplies

- Props (optional)
- Paper
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Adapt It

If you only have a few students, stay as one group.

If you are online, direct students to draw their part of the passage on their own paper and then hold it in front of their camera to share.



Scan, tap, or click the QR code to find media resources for this lesson.



15-20 minutes

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Homiletics

Goal

Students will learn how to study the Bible.

Instructions

- Explain that homiletics is a way to analyze a Scripture passage. Students will analyze Matthew 20:20-28. Say a short prayer for understanding of the passage.
- Ask a student to read the passage aloud while the class follows in their own Bibles.
- Help students identify the main facts of the passage and record their findings on a whiteboard or large piece of paper. Use words in the verses but shrink to what is most important. Record the verse number and keep the content list in the order of the passage.
- Guide students to work together to create one sentence that summarizes the passage. Try to get the summary sentence down to ten words that cover the beginning, middle, and end of the passage.
- Lead students to move from the facts of the passage to the truth the passage teaches. What can we learn about God and His relationship with people?

Discussion

- ★ What did James and John's mother want from Jesus?
- ★ How did the other disciples feel about this?
 - In what ways had they misunderstood Jesus' mission and teaching?
 - What surprises you in this passage?
- ★ In what ways do you serve God?

Summarize

Just like us, the disciples had trouble doing what Jesus said to do. Instead of caring for Jesus and serving each other, they fought about who would be the most important in Jesus' kingdom. Jesus served countless people when He was on earth by teaching them, healing them, feeding them, and in many other ways. He serves you and me today by teaching us through God's Word and modeling the way He wants us to live. **God calls His people to humble service.**

Extend

Guide students to move into the application step of homiletics. Help them to identify how God's truth in the passage can be applied to their own lives.

Supplies

- Whiteboard or large piece of paper
- Marker

Adapt It

If you have a large class, divide students into two groups with a CL leading each group. Both groups will do the same thing and then share and compare their subject sentences and truths they discovered.

If you are online, consider using the Homiletics resource linked through the QR code below.



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