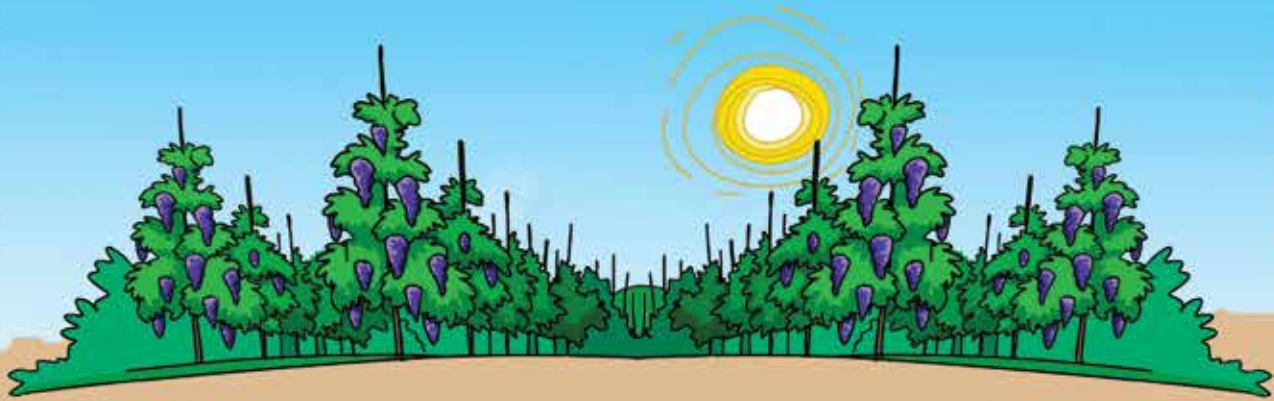




the *Workers* in the *Vineyard*

(A LIQUID PICTURE BASED ON MATTHEW 20:1-16)

A liquid picture is a form of drama that allows a story to be presented in a flowing or liquid manner. A familiar Scripture story is divided into five or six parts. The leader assigns a child to each part and asks the child to create a simple action to represent that part. For a larger group, children can be assigned parts in pairs—one to do the action and one to speak the phrase. If there are older children in the group, the leader may assign one of them the role of leader.



- *Children with parts stand with their backs to the rest of the group.*
- *The leader speaks first.*
- *Child 1 turns to face the group, speaks their part while doing their action two or three times (once is not enough for children to remember!), then freezes.*
- *The group responds by repeating the phrase and the action.*
- *This pattern continues until the last child speaks and the group responds.*
- *The leader speaks the concluding line.*

Leader: The Kingdom of Heaven is like someone who owned a vineyard and during the day employed several people to work in it.

Child 1: It's six o'clock—will you work for me? Yes!

Child 2: It's nine o'clock—will you work for me? Yes!

Child 3: It's midday—will you work for me? Yes!

Child 4: It's three o'clock—will you work for me? Yes!

Child 5: It's five o'clock—will you work for me? Yes!

Child 6: Each one received one silver coin. God loves us greatly!

Leader: God's blessings are always generous. Everyone is welcome in the Kingdom regardless of the hour they arrive.