



#### Devotion Guidelines:

1. Keep it short and interactive
2. Read the Scripture passage together with each person reading a verse
3. Ask questions about each verse
4. Ask each child how they will apply what they have learned from the verses. (Even your young children) You, as a parent, also share what you will apply. Remember that Bible study is for application and transformation not just for information.)
5. Pray together as a family (You and your children can take turns praying)
  - For each other's requests
  - To ask for God's help to apply what you have learned

## Read Together: Matthew 20: 1-15

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place; 4 and to those he said, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' And so they went. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day long?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last group to the first.' 9 When those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius. 10 When those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.' 13 But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what is yours and go, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last shall be first, and the first last."

## Talk Together:

1. Why did the laborers grumble and complain even when they received the correct wage from the landowner?
2. What happens when we compare ourselves with others?
3. How should we respond when others are blessed and why?
4. What can you learn about the character of the landowner?

## Conviction:

I will be thankful in all circumstances. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

## Application:

How will you live out an attitude of gratitude?

## Pray Together:

Dear Lord, let our hearts be constantly filled with gratitude for all You have done for us. Help us to remember that every blessing we receive is all because of Your grace and loving-kindness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.