

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 20A

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MAIN POINT

Generosity and fairness

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

Matthew 20:13-15

AIDS

Have enough 5c, 10c, 20c, \$2 coins to hand out to the children. If possible have an older child willing and ready to take the \$2 coin when you hold out your hand later.

CHAT

Give the child/ren a coin in order of how you are sitting - the first getting 5c piece, the next one 10c and 20c etc - keep the \$2 coin. An offering basket or bowl.

I wanted to give you all some money. Who is excited about getting their coin?

Hold the \$2 coins in your open hand (making it obvious) so they can see it as you ask the next question.

Who thinks they want a different coin to one I gave them? (This is where your older child will take the \$2 coin - see what happens)

Who thinks it is fair they got the gold coin?

Sometimes we find it very hard when things are unfair. Jesus told a parable about some people who were working in a vineyard. And just like I gave you the silver coins, the workers who came at the beginning were paid a specific amount. And just like the child who got the gold coin, there were workers who came almost near the end of the day and got paid the same amount, even though they didn't even work the whole day. The first workers were very upset. Do you think you would have been upset too? They thought it was very unfair.

Now, even though I said I wanted to give you money today, I would like everyone to put their money in the offering basket.

Besides being fair all the time we also find it hard to be generous. It is hard when we are given something and then asked to give it away to help someone else. So, as we put the money in the offering basket we are going to say this prayer. Repeat after me.

PRAYER

**Lord, you are so generous to us and provide us with so much. Help us to be generous to others.
Amen**

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