

# Living Like Animals

Key Word: **Sharing**

Key Verse: "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." *Matthew 20:16*

When Angela's dad and Timmy's mom married, they hoped to start a new, happy family. Angela and Timmy were close in age, so it seemed perfect, but it hadn't quite worked out. Angela and Timmy began to hate each other.

Angela's Aunt Patricia was coming to visit. Angela loved her dearly. Aunt Patricia spent lots of time with Angela, and even better, they always went to exciting places. But since the wedding, Timmy came along with them. Angela felt like Aunt Patricia was hers, and she didn't like Timmy tagging along.

Timmy was also angry. He missed his dad and he hated Angela and her father, but he did like Aunt Patricia. When Aunt Patricia arrived she looked at the two angry faces and sighed, "I had thought we might go to the zoo today, but you look too miserable to go anywhere." Angela thought it was all Timmy's fault. Timmy had been feeling he was lucky to be included in Aunt Patricia's plans, so he smiled and said, "I'm sorry." "You're not taking him without me, are you?" Angela asked.

"Come here, you two," Aunt Patricia said. She hugged them, then she said to Angela, "Whatever happens, I could

never stop loving you; you're my favorite niece and everything I have is yours." Then she turned to Timmy, "You're a member of this family now, and I'm very happy to include you in everything. That doesn't mean Angela gets any less, because the more you love, the more love you have to give. I love Angela so much that I've a huge amount of love for you, too. Do you think you two could just enjoy what I offer?" Angela and Timmy both nodded.

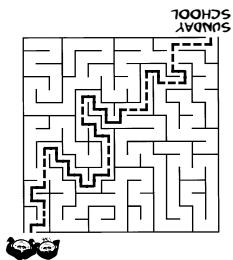
Aunt Patricia added, "And do you think you could begin to love each other a bit?" Angela made a face, but there was a twinkle in her eye. Timmy grabbed her ponytail and yanked gently. Soon they were both laughing. "Come on," said Aunt Patricia. "Let's get to the zoo — and you can see what it's really like to live like animals!"

## Questions

1. Have you ever had a time when it was difficult for you to share?
2. Can you tell about a special person in your life?

# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **Matthew 20: 1-16**



Maze

- Down
1. Day
  3. Generous
  4. First
  8. Landowner

Crossword Puzzle

## Answers

- Across
2. Manager
  4. Five
  5. Vineyard
  6. Right
  7. Usual

- Make Words
- Some of the over 100 possible words:
- BALL  
BELL  
BEST  
STALL  
STEAR  
STILL  
FALL  
HEART  
TELL  
HER  
TELLS  
HILL  
LIL  
LEAST  
THRIFT  
TILL  
WILT  
SHRILL

### Make Words

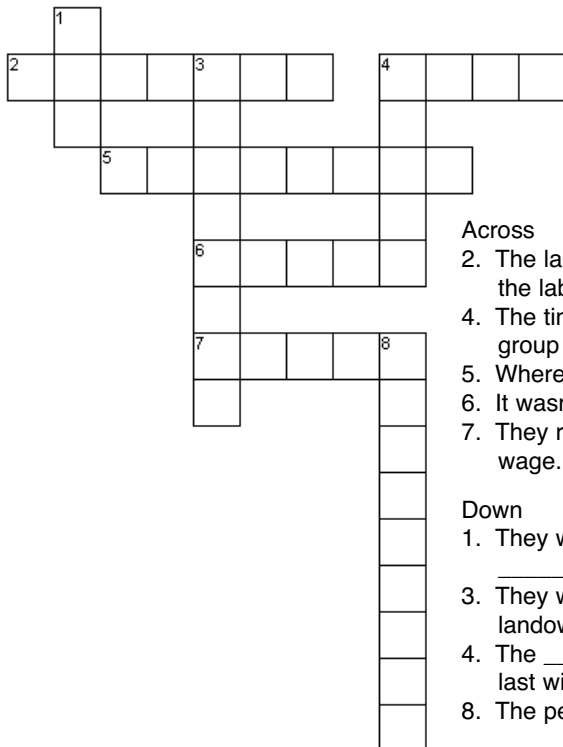
Using the letters in the phrase below, see how many words you can make from this phrase from our Gospel story today: You may use each letter only as many times as it appears in the phrase.

“The first will be last.”

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| 1. _____  | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____  | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____  | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____  | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____  | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____  | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____  | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____  | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____  | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

### Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today’s Gospel story. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers to the questions.



**Across**

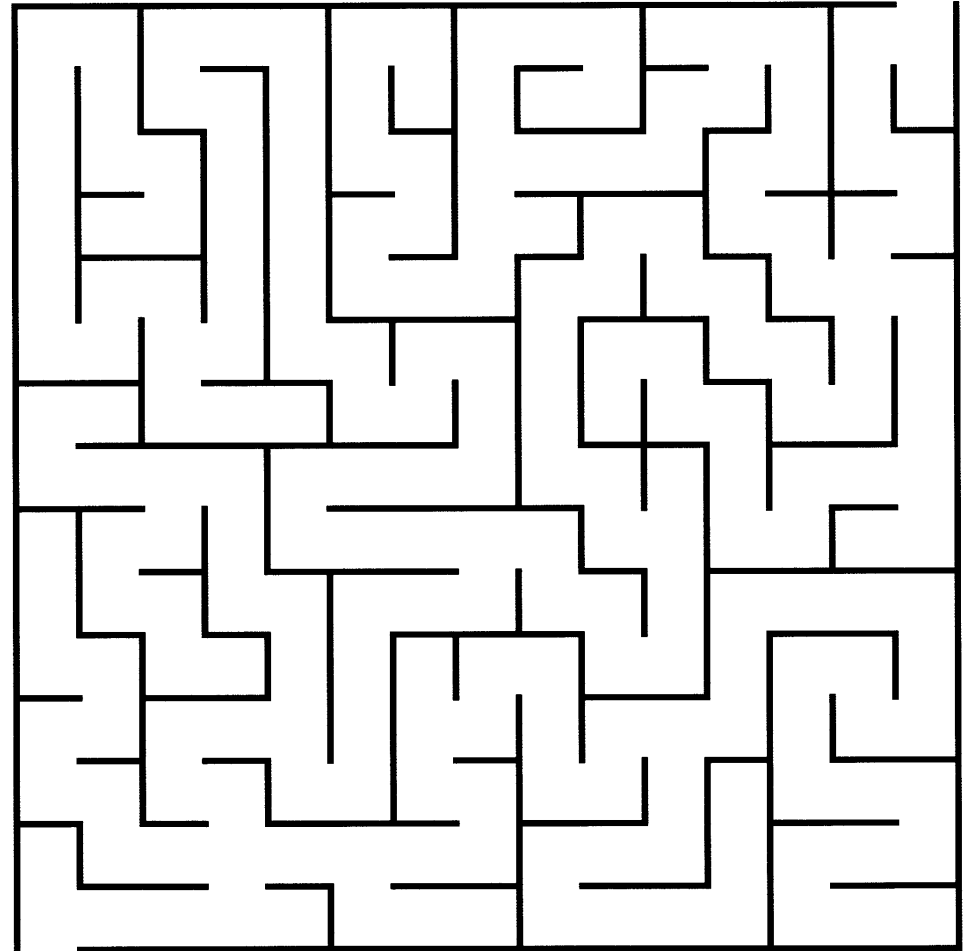
- The landowner told him to call in the laborers
- The time of day when the last group was hired
- Where they were working
- It wasn't wrong, it was \_\_\_\_\_
- They received the \_\_\_\_\_ daily wage.

**Down**

- They were hired to work for one \_\_\_\_\_
- They were envious because the landowner was \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ will be last and the last will be \_\_\_\_\_
- The person in charge of everything

### Maze

Today’s Gospel story teaches us that God is generous. It’s never too late to come to God and as part of God’s family, everyone gets the same love and grace from God. You may have been a member of God’s family for a long time, but new members are just as loved by God as you are and will receive a reward from God like you will. During church services Monica spots a new girl about her age sitting all by herself. Monica introduces herself and invites her new friend to Sunday school. Help them find their way through church to Sunday school.



**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**