



New Attitude

Bible Story: The Story of the Workers in the Vineyard • *Matthew 20:1-15*

Bottom Line: Adjust your attitude.

Memory Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever. Psalm 136:1 (NIRV)

Life App: Gratitude—Letting others know you see how they've helped you.

Activity #1- Bible Story

Parents, read through this week's Bible story with your child or check out our video teaching on this page. This week we are learning about the workers in the vineyard and how we should adjust our attitude to gain a better perspective.

Activity #2- Turkey Trot

What you need: Ball, pillow or stuffed animal, kitchen chairs, timer, three identical small prizes (pieces of candy etc.)

What you do:

- Create an obstacle course by placing your chairs one behind the other. (You could also use pillows or stuffed animals on the floor.)
- Let your child run the obstacle course by weaving in and out of the lined-up chairs/stuffed animals/pillows. The only catch is, they have to keep a ball (or pillow/stuffed animal) between their legs the entire time.
- Time them for three rounds, seeing which round was the fastest. Give them the same prize (i.e. candy, etc.) after each round.

What you say:

"Wow, you were super-fast! Was it weird that I kept giving you the same prize, no matter what time you got? I bet the workers in today's story felt the same way. If you had been competing on the obstacle course against someone else, do you think you'd be jealous if they were slower than you, but they got the exact same prize?"

Activity #2- Discussion Questions

1. It's amazing how creative and powerful our minds can be! We can also choose to change our minds—and our attitudes—when we're feeling ungrateful. With God's help, we can choose to have a thankful attitude instead. How could the workers in today's story have used the power of their minds in their situation? *(They could have adjusted their perspective and their attitudes; chosen to look at what they DID have instead of what others had.)*
2. What word best describes someone who is full of gratitude? *(Happy, peaceful, content, easy)*
3. Even on your worst day, what can you still be thankful for? *(God, family, friends, food)*
4. When the pandemic started this year, what could you still be grateful for—even though so many things were different?
5. What is a type of attitude that can get in the way of gratitude? *(Selfishness, impatience, ungratefulness)*
6. What should we focus on when we feel ungrateful?

Parent: Talk about your attitude during the pandemic. Talk about the times when it's been hard. Then, talk about the ways you tried to make the best of a bad situation.