

# SP Kids Connection

Connecting church and family life through recaps of our weekly lessons and suggestions on ways to reinforce and live out those lessons at home during the week.

## Gospel Lesson

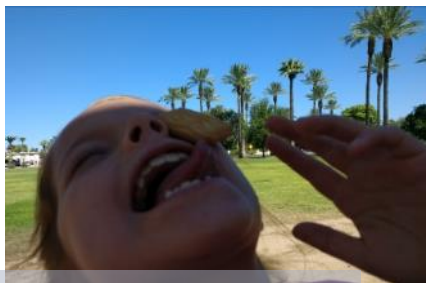
The **Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard** (*Matthew 20:1-16*) can be read and understood several ways, but we chose to focus on God’s generosity and grace—we don’t have to worry about being last or falling behind when it comes to God’s kingdom, because we’re all received as beloved children!

- *Discuss:* What is “grace”, the way we talk about it in church? What are some other meanings of the word, and related words like “gracious” and “graceful”? Do their meanings have anything in common?
- *Discuss:* In what situations is it better for us to be loving than to be fair?



The Creation story from two weeks ago is echoed in the story of **The Flood and the Ark**, when God decides “to send a great flood of water to wash everything clean and make it new again.” This story is a favorite among the children because of the impressive ark and the animals—recently we added a prism so that we can try to see a little piece of the rainbow in our classroom. They also enjoy the story because it is familiar, and they have heard it in other places.

Most of our children have little or no experience with flooding; these younger children also are not at a point in their lives when they think about the effect of the flood on those who were not aboard the ark. Therefore, they were untroubled by any relationship the story may have to the recent hurricanes and flooding in other parts of the country and world. However, we all know that water can be both life-giving and deadly. This week, think and talk about water: In what ways do we need and use water every day? In what ways does water bring us joy? When do we need to be careful (and even fearful) of water?



A few scenes from

## Fun-day Sunday



If you’re looking for a fun way to extend the lesson, this Pinterest site has a myriad of ideas for water (and rainbow) crafts:

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/water-crafts-preschool/?lp=true>

## Coming Soon...

Sat & Sun, Sept 30 & Oct 1: Godly Play story in the main church

Saturday, October 28: Trunk or Treat



**LAST WEEK! BRING IN CEREAL DONATIONS FOR THE AGUA FRIA FOOD BANK! THE CLASSROOM WHICH COLLECTS THE MOST BOXES WILL WIN A PRIZE!**

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