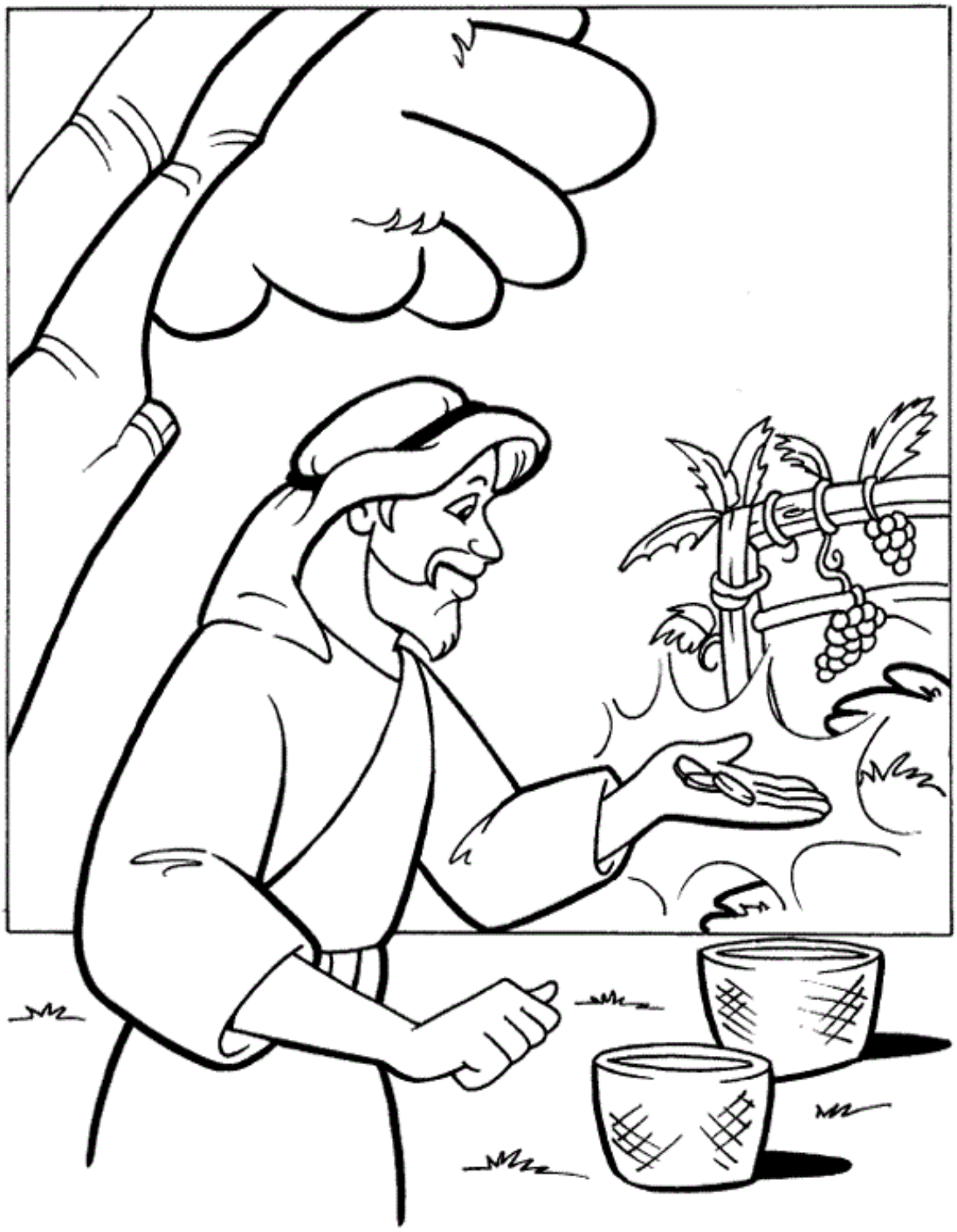
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Matthew 20: 1 – 16a

Resurrection
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD



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Celebrating Our Catholic Faith

Name: _____

Sunday, September 21st, 2014

1. Today is the _____ Sunday in Ordinary _____.

2. What is the name of the priest who is celebrating Mass, today?

   Father _____

3. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?
   Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Hosea

   What does it mean to "seek the Lord?"
   a. Staying healthy is our first concern. b. We should learn a new language.
   c. Learning about God and coming closer to Him is super important!

   How can kids your age "seek the Lord" and learn more about Him?
   Read comic books. Read the Bible every day. Pray every day. Sleep a lot.
   Read books about saints. Watch tons of TV. Go to Confession regularly.
   Try to act more like Jesus. Go to Mass at least every Sunday.

   _____.

4. From which Psalm is today's Responsorial?
   Psalm 1 Psalm 43 Psalm 45 Psalm 87 Psalm 145

5. From which book of the Bible is today's second reading?
   Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 1 Timothy

   Where is this book found in the Bible?
   a. In the Old Testament. b. It's the first book in the New Testament.
   c. It's in the New Testament between Ephesians and Colossians.

6. Listen carefully to the Gospel reading and try to answer these questions from memory:
   a. Who told a parable? Jesus Matthew John
   b. What was the parable about? A poor woman. A generous landowner. God.

The Workers in the Vineyard

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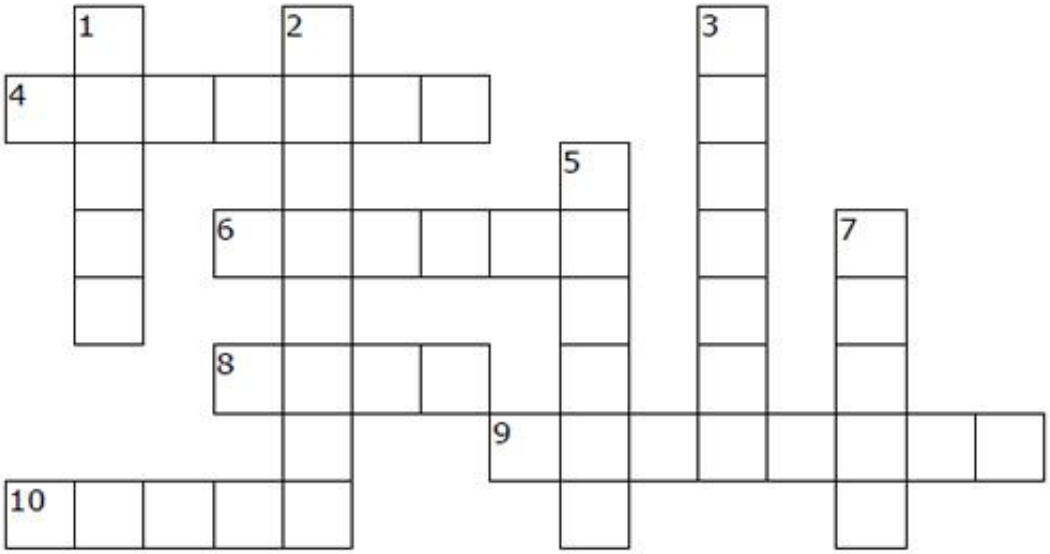

ACROSS

4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
6. The place where God lives
8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
9. A place where grapes are grown
10. Pay received for working

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
2. To give or share freely with others
3. To gripe or complain
5. Not playing by the rules
7. Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL

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R Y H Q P G Y Y V V D B S K P
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MONEY	HOUR	EQUAL	WORKERS	VINEYARD
LANDOWNER	HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	KINGDOM	GENEROUS
WAGES	HIRED	UNFAIR	RIGHT	RECEIVED

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
T	O	J	Z	H	F	A	D	S	U	E	I	N	X	Y	V	L	W	Q	B	R	P	K	C	G	M

1. 25-11-13-11-21-2-10-9 _____
2. 18-2-21-23-11-21-9 _____
3. 6-12-21-9-1 _____
4. 10-13-6-7-12-21 _____
5. 16-12-13-11-15-7-21-8 _____
6. 26-2-13-11-15 _____
7. 5-2-10-21 _____
8. 25-21-10-26-20-17-11 _____
9. 5-12-21-11-8 _____
10. 17-7-9-1 _____

VINEYARD	UNFAIR	WORKERS	GRUMBLE	HIRED
LAST	GENEROUS	FIRST	MONEY	HOUR

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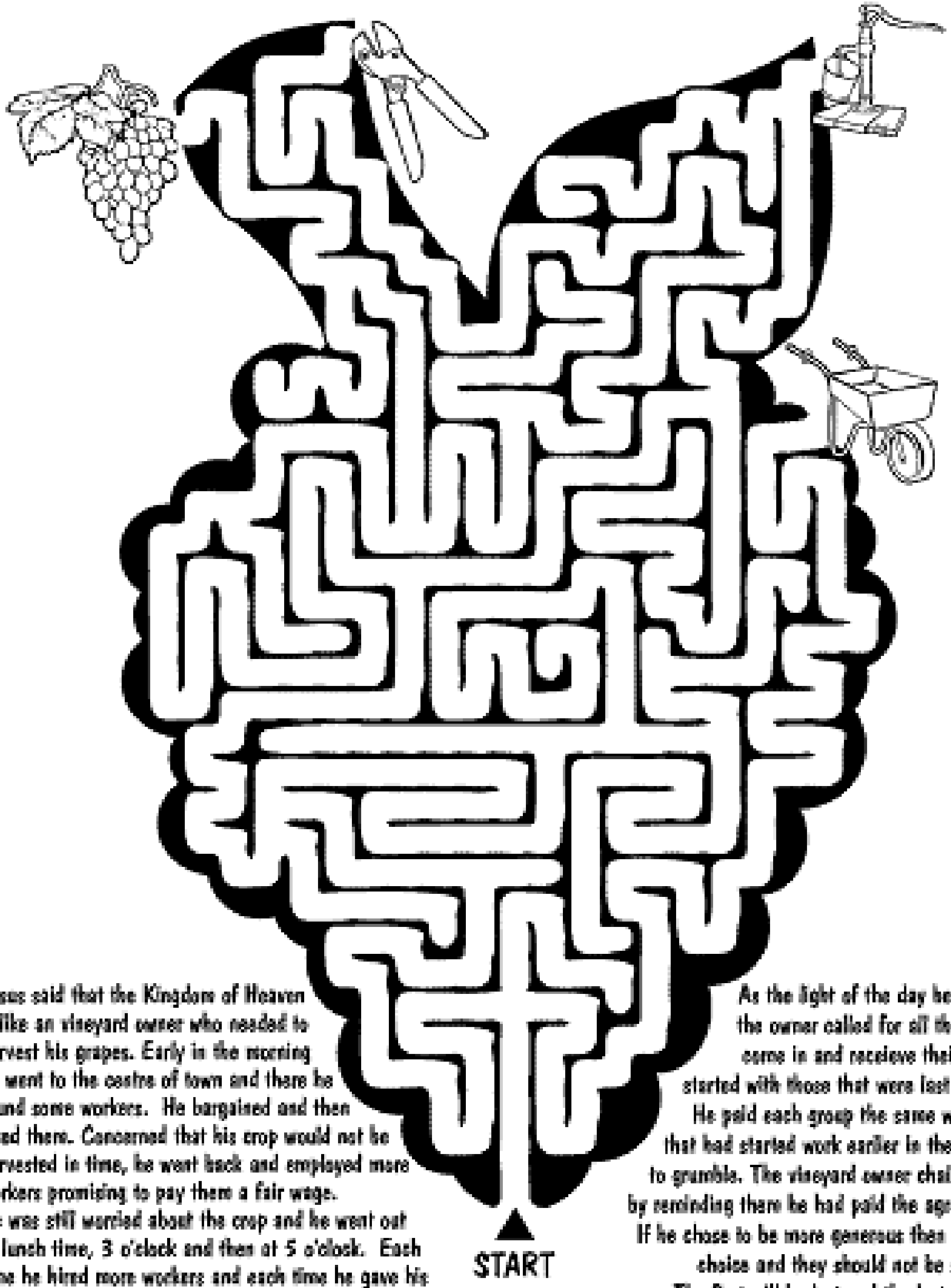
The Vineyard Laborers

Help the labourers to find their way through the vineyard to the grapes.

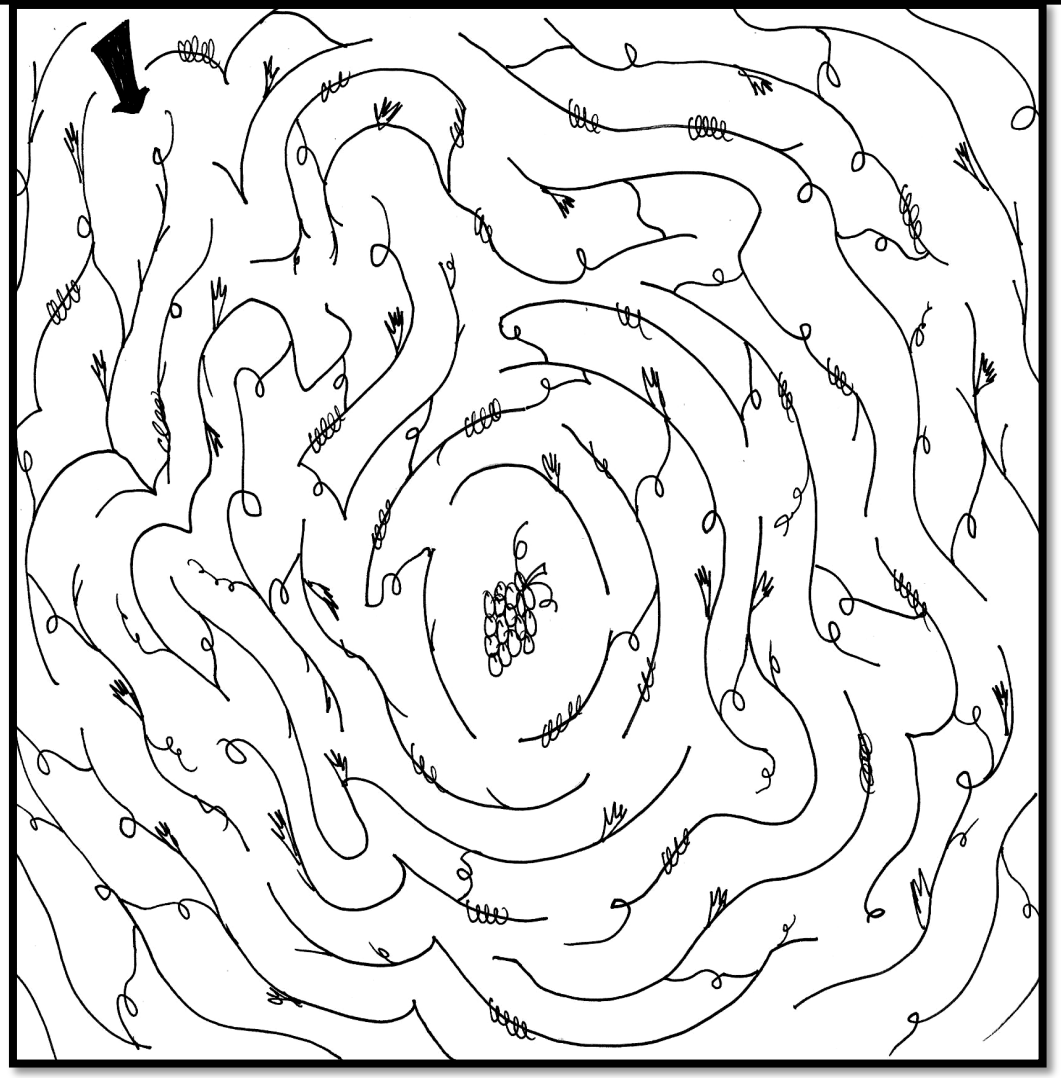


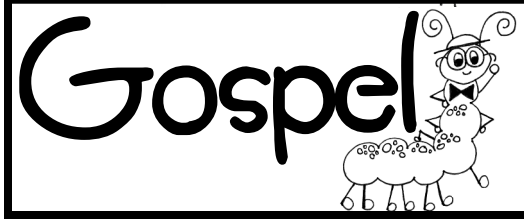
Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is like an vineyard owner who needed to harvest his grapes. Early in the morning he went to the centre of town and there he found some workers. He bargained and then hired them. Concerned that his crop would not be harvested in time, he went back and employed more workers promising to pay them a fair wage.
He was still worried about the crop and he went out at lunch time, 3 o'clock and then at 5 o'clock. Each time he hired more workers and each time he gave his word to pay a fair wage.

As the light of the day began to fade, the owner called for all the workers to come in and receieve their wages. He started with those that were last to be hired. He paid each group the same wage. Those that had started work earlier in the day started to grumble. The vineyard owner challenged them by reminding them he had paid the agreed amount. If he chose to be more generous than that was his choice and they should not be so resentful.
The first will be last and the last will be first.

In the Gospel, people are hired to work in a vineyard, a field where they grow grapes.

Draw people picking the grapes.





Jesus said, "The last will be first and the first will be last."

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Speak, Lord

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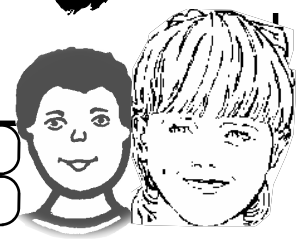
Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 144
Philippians 1:20-24.27
Matthew 20:1-16

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

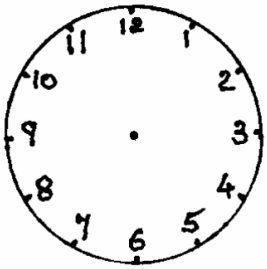
Year A — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



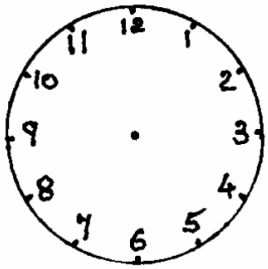
GOD is KIND

Jesus tells the story of a man who went out to find workers to work in his field for the day. He went out five different times to find more workers. At the end he was kind and gave each of them 1 Denarius – even those who worked for only part of the day.

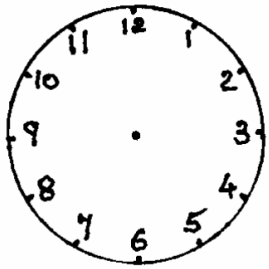
On the clock faces draw the hands showing the different times the man went out to find more workers.



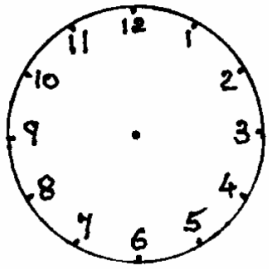
6 o'clock



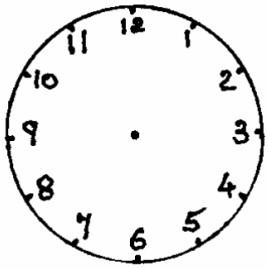
9 o'clock



12 noon



3 o'clock



5 o'clock

GOD IS KIND TO US TOO

Draw a picture of something God gave you.