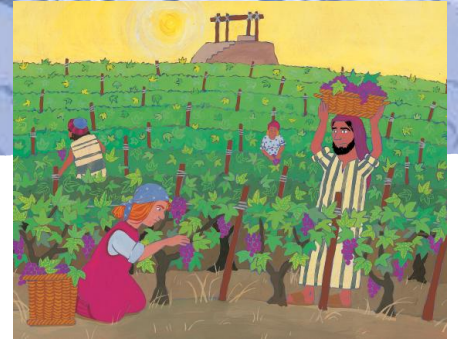


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THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

Matthew 20:1-16

The Lord Jesus compared God's kingdom, the heavenly kingdom, with a landowner who was looking for workers for his vineyard.

He employed some workers early in the morning at 6 a.m. and negotiated a wage for the day with them.

He then recruited additional workers at 9 a.m., at 12 noon, and in the afternoon at 3 p.m. When he came to the market at 5 p.m., some more day labourers were standing around idle. "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" They told him that no one had offered them any work until now. These he also employed. He promised all of them a fair wage, without specifying an amount.

In the evening, at 6 p.m., he had the wages paid out. The workers who had been employed last were the first to receive their wages, followed by the others.

It now became apparent that all workers received the same wage, regardless of the amount of time worked and work performance. Thereupon the workers who had worked in the heat for the entire day complained because they felt they had been unjustly dealt with.

The landowner, however, explained to them that they had no right to complain. They had agreed to the negotiated wage. Incidentally, he said, it was up to him what he did with his money. They were not to get annoyed about his kindness toward those who had been employed last.

EXERCISE 1



Below is a scrambled version of Wisdom of Solomon 5:15.
It describes what the reward of the Lord will be.

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Record the verse correctly.

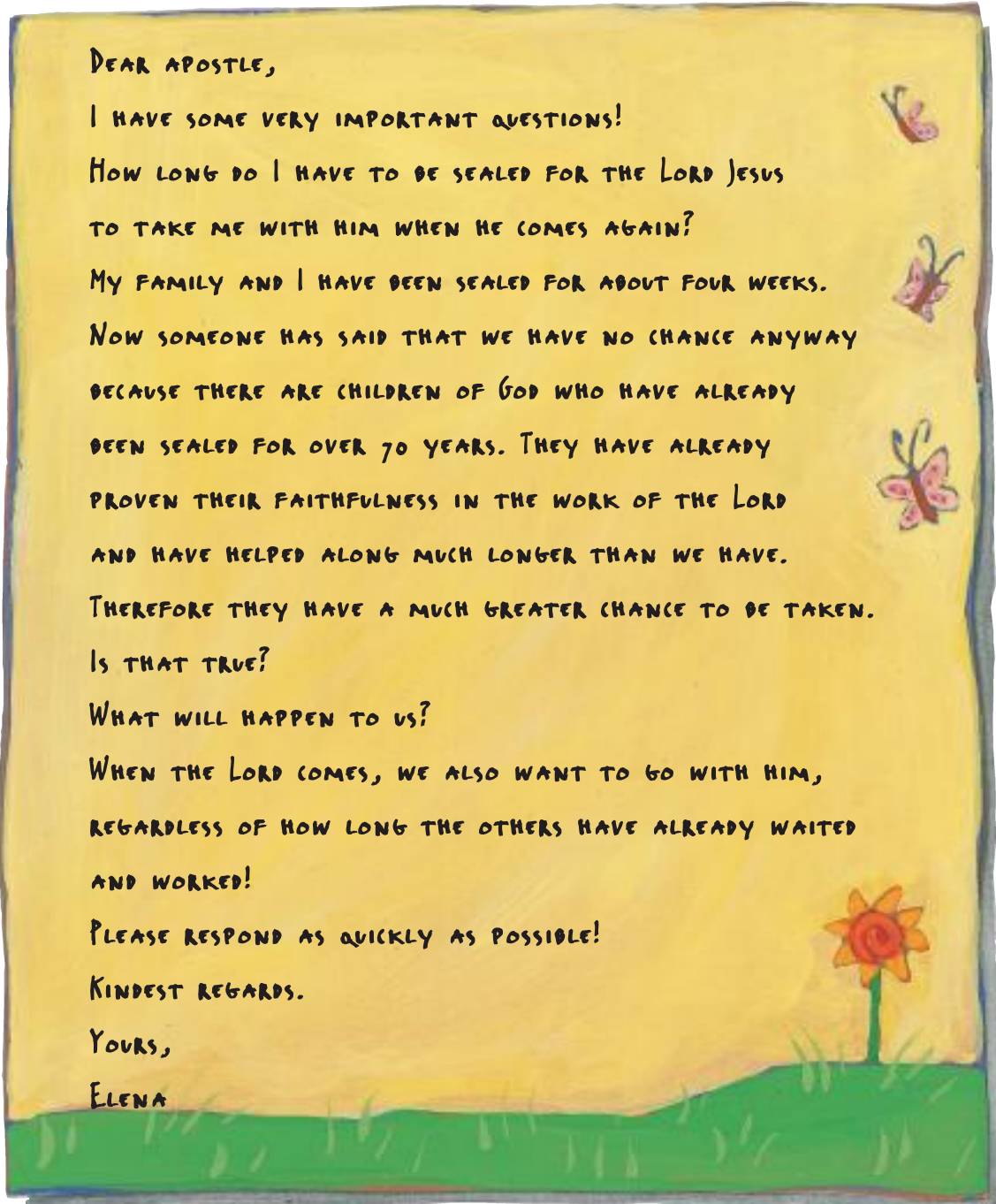
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EXERCISE 2



Elena is 12 years old and writes the following to her apostle:



You will surely be able to answer Elena's questions if you think about the workers in the parable!