

HOME PROJECT: Due November _____

PRAYER:

Dear God, long ago You told Moses, "The choicest first fruits of your soil you shall bring to the house of the Lord, Your God" (Genesis 34:26). Help us to remember that all we have is a gift from You, and help us to remember to honor You by giving back the best part of it to say "thank you". Amen.

(Read Genesis 1:27-31.)

VIRTUE ACTIVITY:

1. Discuss the words of the *Grace Before Meals* prayer and the first line of the *Morning Offering*.
2. Practice a concrete example of giving God your first fruits. Ask each student to bring in a few matching pieces of fruit: a bunch of grapes, a bunch of bananas, a small bag of apples or oranges. In class, find the very best one from each set. Put these in a basket and give them to God by giving them to someone in need or someone consecrated to God. Take the rest home.
3. Ask each student to bring in a quarter. Visit the church together and put your coins in the poor box.
4. Read the story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). Discuss the difference between giving from surplus and giving from want.

STEWARDSHIP: returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure