

Use “The Scene” to introduce “When Storms Come” the High School Sunday school lesson for June 11, 2017. The lesson is found on page 11 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



As the 20th anniversary of the death of Princess Diana approaches this summer, many are remembering the beautiful and kind woman who stole the hearts of the world.

But to Mary Robertson, an American businesswoman living in London in 1980, Lady Diana was just Diana, a shy teenager she hired through a nanny agency to work part-time for her, caring for her toddler son.

For her efforts in childcare and in light household chores, Diana, who was just 18 at the time, got paid the whopping wage of \$5 an hour.

Not long after she began working for Robertson, a bank deposit slip gave the employer the clue to her nanny’s royal heritage. But Diana continue working for the woman, acting as if the fact that she belonged to a royal line was no big deal (the news about her dating Prince Charles had not yet been revealed). A few months later, Diana let the mother of the child know that there would be reporters and photographers in her way as she left for work that morning. When asked who they were there for, Diana simply replied, “They are there for me.” That was about the time that the dating relationship between Diana and the future king of England hit the headlines.

Even though Lady Diana soon gave her notice of leaving the job, she and Robertson kept in touch for the next 16 years. And when Princess Diana was laid to rest, Robertson was among the mourners at her funeral.

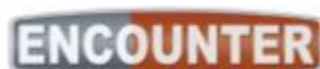
As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above article to read. Then discuss it in this way:

What do you think about this story? What do you find interesting about it?

Lady Diana certainly didn’t have to work, and she could have had any job she wanted, doing something far more glamorous than being a nanny and a nursery school teacher (her other part-time job at the time). Why do you think she chose to take on these jobs?

Whenever we hear about very wealthy or distinguished individuals taking on menial jobs, we are often intrigued. We wonder why someone with power and control over their time would want to spend it doing something for which they receive no glory and certainly not enough payment for the hard work they do. Why do you think people in high positions sometimes take on jobs that are normally associated with the working class? What benefits might come to them from such an action? Do benefits come to others through this or would it be better for them not to take jobs from other people who need them? What do you think?

Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords, holding a higher status than any royalty, yet He has chosen to serve us. He provides for us and meets all our needs—even when we don’t know what we need! Our lives can sometimes take some crazy turns—today we’ll learn what a difference it can make to know who is really in control.



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