

# THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Matthew 25:14–29



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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Each one of us has received various gifts from God.</li><li>■ We want to learn how to joyfully use our gifts in God's work and our daily lives.</li></ul>
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## The Parable of the Talents



One day when Jesus was talking privately with the disciples, He told them this parable.

"A man travelling to a far country called his servants one day and delivered his goods to them. He knew his servants very well. He gave the first servant five talents, the second two talents and the third one talent. The man then went on his journey.

After a long time, the man returned home. He called in his three servants and asked them what they did with his money.

The first servant said, 'Lord, you gave me five talents. I have earned five more talents.'

The man praised him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.'

The second servant explained, 'Master, I have done the same and doubled the money which you gave me. I received two talents and now I have four.' The man praises this servant as much as he did the first one.

The third servant said, 'Lord, I knew you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. I was afraid and hid the talent in the ground. Here is the talent you gave me.'

His master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you already knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who already has ten."

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## Suggestions for the Teacher

### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, money, scoop...

Sing with the children an appropriate song. (E.g. "I got a talent ...")

### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What do the three servants do with their talents?  
(The first two servants double their talents; the third servant hides his talent in the ground.)
- How does the master react? (He rewards the first two servants and makes them rulers.)
- Why does he deal the two of them in the same way? (Both acted faithfully with their talents.)
- How does the master feel when the third one tells him what he did with the talent?  
(He becomes angry and says, "You wicked and lazy servant". He gives the talent to the first.)
- What do these talents stand for? (Opportunity to love, to comfort, to be kind, ...)

Have the children repeat...

- Each one of us has received various gifts from God.
- We want to learn how to use our gifts in God's work.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- The servants received different talents from their master.
- He wanted them to work with these talents.
- Each one of us has also received special talents from God. We should use our talents.
- What is the result, if we use our talents? (We will have more joy, blessing, peace, ...)
- What talents do we have? (Sing; play an instrument; courage to testify; love; hope ...)

**Repeat the Message**

**God blesses those who use the talents that He gave them.**