

Three Slave Given Talents Parable Lesson

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Bible Reference: Matthew 25:14-30

Lesson Objective: The children will learn how to use what God has given them to the glory of God.

Target Age: 1st grade - 5th grade

Items Needed:

paper

pencils/crayons

Welcome Activity:

As the children arrive, have them make a list of all of the things that they are good at. If they want to, they can draw pictures or write the words.

Bible Lesson Introduction:

"What were some of the things that you put down on your lists?"

Bible Lesson:

Read through Matthew 25:14-30 in your Bible, explaining as you read to make sure the children are understanding.

You could use the Three Servants Given Talents: A Parable told by Jesus Skit to have the children involved in the telling of the story.

A master was going away on a trip and he decided to give his three servants different amounts of money. The servant who was given five talents of money went and traded and he doubled his money. The servant who was given two talents of money also went to trade and he also doubled his money. But, the servant who was given one talent, was too afraid of his master and decided to hide his money.

The master returned and wanted to know what the servant had done with the money. He was very pleased with the first two servants because they used the money to make more. But, he was extremely mad at the third servant because he hid the money.

Bible Lesson Understanding:

God is the master and He gives each of us special things that we can use for Him. Some of us can teach, some can draw, some can sing, etc. Each of these talents can

be used for the Lord. When we use our talents for God, we strengthen those talents and then more are given/learned.

Bible Lesson Activity: Talent Charades

Have the children take turns acting out one of the items on their list from the Welcome Activity. After each talent is guessed, discuss how that talent can be used for God.

Bible Verse:

Matthew 25:21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Bible Verse Activity: Hand Motions

"His master" - hold head up high

"said to him" - point to mouth and then point to someone else

"Well done, good and faithful slave" - clap and smile

"You were faithful with a few things" - put hands closely together showing a small amount

"I will put you in charge of many things" - make hands farther apart showing a large amount

"enter into the joy of your master" - walk forward and smile

"Matthew 25" - hold 2 fingers on right hand and 5 fingers on left hand

"21" - hold 2 fingers on right hand and 1 finger on left hand

Evaluation:

"What does God expect us to do with the talents that He gives us?"

"How can you use your talents for God?"



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Booklet from:

Matthew 25:14-30

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"For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

"Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'

"Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'

"And the one who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

"But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to

the one who has the ten talents.'

"For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness, in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



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For it is just like a ¹
man a-bout to go
on a jour-ney, who
called his own slaves
and en-trust-ed his
pos-ses-sions to
them.

2 To one he gave five

talents, to

another, two, and
to another, one,

each according to

his own ability;

and he went on his

journey.

Immediately ³

the one who had

received the five

talents went and

traded with them,

and gained five

more talents.

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In the same
man-ner the one
who had re-ceived
the two ta-lents
gained two more.

But he who

re-ceived the one
ta-lent went a-way,
and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his
mas-ter's mo-ney.

5

Now af-ter a long
time the mas-ter
of those slaves
came and set-tled
ac-counts with
them.

6 The one who had
re-ceived the five
ta-lents came up
and brought five
more ta-lents,
say-ing, 'Mas-ter,
you en-trust-ed
five ta-lents to me.
See, I have gained
five more ta-lents.'

His mas-ter said to
him, 'Well done, good
and faith-ful slave.
You were faith-ful
with a few things, I
will put you in
charge of man-y
things; en-ter in-to
the joy of your
mas-ter.'

8 Al-so the one who
had re-ceived the
two ta-lents came
up and said,
'Mas-ter, you
en-trust-ed two
ta-lents to me. See,
I have gained two
more ta-lents.'

His mas-ter said to
him, 'Well done, good
and faith-ful slave.
You were faith-ful
with a few things, I
will put you in
charge of man-y
things; en-ter in-to
the joy of your
mas-ter.'

10 And the one also
who had re-ceived
the one ta-lent
came up and said,
'Mas-ter, I knew
you to be a hard
man, reap-ing where
you did not sow and
ga-ther-ing where
you scat-tered no
seed.

And I was a-fraid, 11
and went a-way and
hid your ta-lent in
the ground. See, you
have what is yours.'

¹² But his mas-ter

an-swered and said

to him, 'You wick-ed,

laz-y slave, you

knew that I reap

where I did not sow

and ga-ther where I

scat-tered no seed.

Then you ought to¹³

have put my

mo-ney in the bank,

and on my ar-riv-al

I would have

re-ceived my

mo-ney back with

in-ter-est.

14 Therefore take

a-way the ta-lent

from him, and give it

to the one who has

the ten ta-lents;

For to ev-er-y-one¹⁵

who has, more shall
be giv-en, and he will

have an

a-bun-dance; but

from the one who

does not have, even

what he does have

shall be tak-en

a-way.

Throw out the

worth-less slave

into the out-er

dark-ness; in that

place there will be

weep-ing and

gnash-ing of teeth.

Three Slaves Given Talents: A Parable Told by Jesus

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This skit is written directly from Matthew 25:14-30. This parable about three slaves who were each given talents (a form of money) from their master before he leaves on a trip. When the master returns, they are all to give an account of what they have done with their talents

Characters:

Jesus (telling story as it's acted out)

Man

Slave #1

Slave #2

Slave #3

Man: Slaves come gather around. I am about to go on a journey. I am entrusting you with my possessions. To you, Slave #1, I give you five talents. To you, Slave #2, I give you two talents. And to you, Slave #3, I give one talent.

Slave #1: I'm going to immediately trade my five talents and so I can gain five more.

Slave #2: I'm also going to use my two talents so that I can gain two more.

Slave #3: I'm going to just dig a hole and hide my one talent.

Jesus: Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Man: Slave #1, what do you have to say about the talents that I gave to you?

Slave #2: See, I have gained five more talents.

Man: Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

Man: Slave #2, what do you have to say about the talents that I gave to you?

Slave #2: See, I have gained two more talents.

Man: Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

Man: Slave #3, what do you have to say about the talents that I gave to you?

Slave #3: Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.

Man: You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

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