

# Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

Sunday, March 19, 2023

## THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Matthew 25:1-13 [or 25:14-30]



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### Key Verse:

“Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

Matthew 25:23

### The Point:

We are to use our gifts for God’s glory.

### Making Connections:

The Ways of the Kingdom

### Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Culture and Customs

### Spiritual Practice:

Service

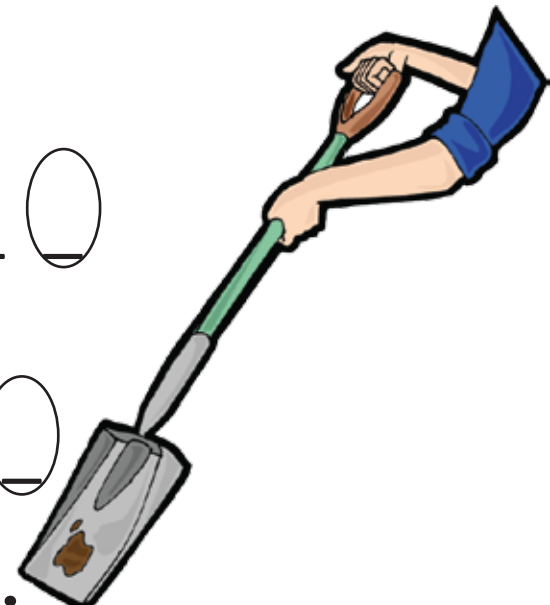


# Parable Jumble

Read the parable Jesus shares in Matthew 25:14-30.

Unscramble the words below and use the letters in the circles to create a word to complete the phrase at the bottom.

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R M S E A T	— — — — —	○	— — — —
N O E M Y	— — — — —	○	— — — —
Y Z L A	○	— — — —	— — — —
S V A T E N R	— — — — —	○	— — — —
E S A R H	○	— — — —	— — — —
L O D E B U	— — — — —	○	— — — —



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: Don't bury your \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ !  
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I can use the gifts and talents God has given me.



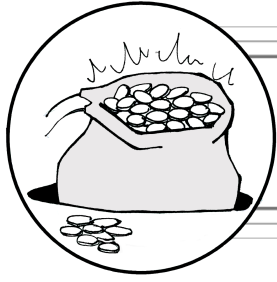
# Parable of the Talents Word Search

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Z O L T I M F I S R R A S N A  
V Z U R I H A E C B E B T T A  
U M U B T L R S T E F L N W Z  
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ABILITIES  
BURIED  
CELEBRATE  
DOUBLED  
FAITHFUL  
MASTER  
MORE

PARABLE  
SERVANT  
SPECIAL  
TAKE  
TALENTS  
TRUSTWORTHY  
VALUABLE





# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
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**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2022-2023)

**Lesson #1-26**  
Matthew 25:1-13 [or 25:14-30]

## LAST WEEK

Jesus tells the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, about a king who throws a lavish wedding celebration for his son and invites people off the streets to attend (Matthew 22:1-14).

## THIS WEEK

Jesus teaches his disciples about being prepared and using their gifts wisely with the parables of the Ten Bridesmaids and Talents (Matthew 25:1-13 [or 25:14-30]).

## THE POINT

We are to use our gifts for God's glory.

## STORY SUMMARY

Jesus tells a parable of a landowner entrusting money to slaves. A landowner gives three slaves different amounts of money, called talents (a huge amount of money, about 20 years pay each), before he leaves on a trip. Two of the slaves make more with their talents, while the other does nothing. The master is pleased with the two who used their money wisely but displeased with the slave who did not. The slave says that he was afraid, so he did nothing. In the parable, he is sent away. Jesus teaches that God entrusts us with many gifts and desires us to use them boldly for God's glory rather than hiding them away.

## NEXT WEEK

Jesus uses the image of separating sheep and goats to tell his disciples that by serving those in need, they are serving him (Matthew 25:31-46).

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *Culture and Customs*

While parables were stories grounded in the everyday life of those Jesus taught, for us, thousands of years later, the premise or meaning of these stories can sometimes be less clear. The culture and customs at the time of Jesus' ministry on earth were very different than our own. Taking time to learn some of those customs as we read Bible stories will help make sense of the passage and give us a better framework with which to interpret it.

## PRACTICE SERVICE

God entrusts us with many gifts including money, time, and abilities (talents) and calls us to use them to care for those around us. Talk about the individual talents of each family member, and think of a way to use those talents to serve someone this week.

### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the Ways of the Kingdom?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read Matthew 25:1-30**

The Parable of the Talents.

Share what you feel is your greatest gift or talent. Go around and tell each other what you see is the greatest gift that God has given them.

#### **Monday—Read Matthew 22:41-46**

The son of David.

What question would you ask Jesus?

#### **Tuesday—Read Psalm 110:1-7**

A psalm of David.

How does this psalm compare to your image of Jesus?

#### **Wednesday—Read Matthew 23:1-12**

Humbled and exalted.

Read verse 12 again. What does this mean to you?

#### **Thursday—Read Matthew 23:13-26**

Jesus warns the Pharisees.

Jesus is warning the Pharisees that, even though they may appear to be good on the outside, their insides are empty and hollow. Make a list of the things that Jesus is accusing the Pharisees of doing.

#### **Friday—Read Matthew 23:27-36**

Jesus continues to warn the scribes and Pharisees.

Watch "[Alas for You](#)," an interpretation from *Godspell* (1973) of these verses. Website hyperlinks are provided for your convenience and are correct and relevant at the time of publication but may not be at the time of use.

#### **Saturday—Read Matthew 23:37-39**

Jesus expresses sorrow for Jerusalem

Pray together for peace for your country.