

Story 10 : The Parable of the Talents

Main Bible verse
[Matthew 25:21]

His master replied, 'You have done well, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

A long time ago a man decided to go on a journey to a faraway land.

Before he left, he called three of his servants and entrusted his property to them.

"I will give each of you a share of my property; go and deal with the property while I am away."

To one servant the master gave five talents, to another, two talents, and to another, one talent.

When the master left, the first and second servants went at once and put their money to work.

They both believed that if they worked hard, their master would be happy.

The first servant who received five talents gained five more, the second servant who received two talents gained two more. But what about the third?

A few months later, the master finally returned from his long journey.

The three servants came to the master and told him of what had happened while he had been away.

The master was very pleased with the achievements of the first and second servants, and he promised he would put them in charge of many more things. Finally, the third servant came to the master and spoke to him.

"Master, I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See,

here is what belongs to you." The master was angered by this.

The servants who had used their gifts and worked hard rejoiced and shared in their master's happiness; but the lazy servant who did not even try was thrown out crying.



Activity 1.

Solve the math problems and you will find the correct answers.

a. How many servants did the master call? $(5 + 2) - 4 =$ _____

b. How many talents did the master give to each one?

1. $10 - 5 =$ _____

2. $10 - 8 =$ _____

3. $1 + 0 =$ _____

c. How much did each of the servants earn for their work?

1. $9 - 4 =$ _____

2. $8 - 6 =$ _____

3. $10 - 10 =$ _____

- Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Matthew 25:21)

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Activity 2.

Draw in the empty baskets and on the table, the products that you are going to sell to earn money. Take the example of what the servants did.

