

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Bible Story: Matthew 25:14-30

Bible Verse: Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up . . .
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Lesson:

In today's Bible story, a property owner entrusted his servants with some of his money, called talents, while he went on a journey. The property owner gave the talents to three servants.

- How much did he give to each servant?
- What did the first two servants do with their money?
- What did the third servant do with his talent?
- When the property owner returned, was he happy with all the servants?
- Why was the property owner unhappy with the servant who buried the money?

In Jesus' time a talent was money. A talent today means a skill or an ability that someone has. Does the story still work if a talent is a skill rather than money? If God is the property owner, does he give us all talents? What skills do you have? Do you play sports or an instrument? Do you dance? Can you cook or sew? Do you work to improve your skills?

Do you think Jesus wants us to use our skills to help other people? Can you use these talents to encourage others and build them up? Jesus tells us how we can use our talents, both our skills and our money, to help others. Read Matthew 25:34-40. Jesus tells us to feed the hungry, care for the sick, provide clothes for people who need them. He says by doing those things for others in need, it is as if we did it for Jesus.

List ways that you can use your skills to help and encourage others.

Activity:

Make a piggy bank to save money to use to help others.
Use your talents to make the piggy bank,
then use your talents to earn some money.

1. Cut out the pattern for the box along the heavy lines.
2. Fold the edges on the dotted lines.
3. Make a slit in one of the sides of the box.
4. Glue it together to form the box.
5. Decorate the box to look like a piggy bank.



