

St Michael's Home Church: Sunday Gang!



Hello everyone ☺ As we reach the middle of November and the darker nights and colder weather appear, please continue to keep safe and well. I hope to be able to see you all again one day soon.

With Love, Laura xXx

This week's reading - Matthew 25: 14-30

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4w7v-WDfJk>

A Story About Three Servants (The Parable of The Talents)

¹⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was going to another place for a visit. Before he left, he talked with his servants. The man told them to take care of his things while he was gone. ¹⁵ He decided how much each servant would be able to care for. He gave one servant five bags of money. He gave another servant two bags of money. And he gave a third servant one bag of money. Then the man left. ¹⁶ The servant who got five bags went quickly to invest the money. The five bags of money earned five more. ¹⁷ It was the same with the servant who had two bags of money. He invested the money and earned two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who got one bag of money went out and dug a hole in the ground. Then he hid his master's money in the hole.

¹⁹ “After a long time the master came home. He asked the servants what they did with his money. ²⁰ The servant who got five bags of money brought five more bags to the master. The servant said, ‘Master, you trusted me to care for five bags of money. So I used your five bags to earn five more.’ ²¹ The master answered, ‘You did well. You are a good servant who can be trusted. You did well with small things. So I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me.’

²² “Then the servant who got two bags of money came to the master. The servant said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of money to care for. So I used your two bags to earn two more.’ ²³ The master answered, ‘You did well. You are a good servant who can be trusted. You did well with small things. So I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me.’

²⁴ “Then the servant who got one bag of money came to the master. The servant said, ‘Master, I knew that you were a hard man. You harvest things you did not plant. You gather crops where you did not sow any seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid. I went and hid your money in the ground. Here is the bag of money you gave me.’ ²⁶ The master answered, ‘You are a bad and lazy servant! You say you knew that I harvest things I did not plant, and that I gather crops where I did not sow any seed? ²⁷ So you should have put my money in the bank. Then, when I came home, I would get my money back with interest.’

²⁸ “So the master told his other servants, ‘Take the bag of money from that servant and give it to the servant who has ten bags of money. ²⁹ Everyone who uses what he has will get more. He will have much more than he needs. But the one who does not use what he has will have everything taken away from him.’ ³⁰ Then the master said, ‘Throw that useless servant outside, into the darkness! There people will cry and grind their teeth with pain.’

Source: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A14-30&version=ICB>

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Reflection

God created each of us with special gifts/talents and he expects us to use those gifts for the purpose for which he gave them to us.

Sometimes we may look at the talents that God has given to others and think that God hasn't given us very much talent. We might even be tempted to hide our talent. But when we use our God-given talent to be all that God intended for us to be... boy, can we fly!

So don't bury your talent ☺

Based on: https://sermons4kids.com/dont_bury_talent.htm

Activities:

Parable of the Talents Jar



- Find a plastic jar or small box you do not need to use anymore.
- Create a label that says “my talents” – you can use paper and pen to write it, you can use stickers, you could type and print on the computer.
- If you have stickers/glitters/sequins etc., then decorate your jar; or create your own stickers using paper/card and glue.
- Use gold/yellow paper or white paper and a gold/yellow colouring pencil to create coins.
- Think about what talents you have and write these on to the coins. These might be talents such as activities you are good at like singing, baking, Lego, puzzles; or they might be talents such as good qualities you have like being kind, helpful, caring.
- Put these coins into your talents jar.
- You can keep adding to the talents jar as/when you find more talents!

Source: <https://www.orientaltrading.com/parable-of-talents-jar-craft-kit-a2-13845833.fltr?epik=dj0yJnU9dFhFVvHsNVpmY0lhU3lGcFJScVF2dkpWdFlyQWw1Z0gmcD0wJm49OFBEOUdrT05aNUxTWlJHQ2d3TmP6dyZ0PUFBQUFBRI1tdkow>

God's Kingdom Comics

Supplies – paper, writing/drawing utensils

- Draw a comic strip showing how you can use your talents to grow God's kingdom (similar to a super hero comic book).
- You can use the comic strip template to complete or inspire!

Source: <https://ministry-to-children.com/well-done-good-and-faithful-servant-lectionary-lesson-from-matthew-2514-30/>

Extra activities:

- Maze
- Word Search

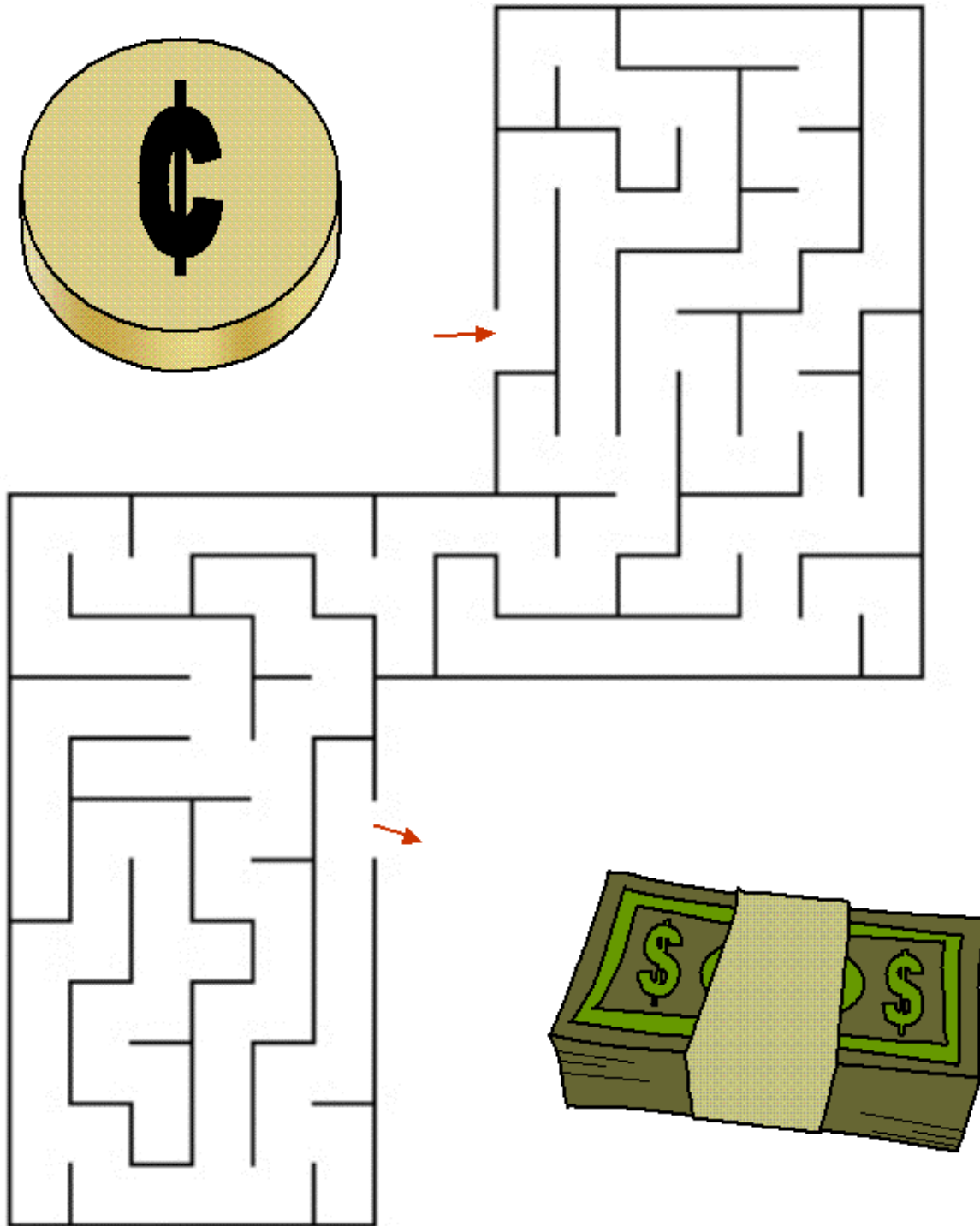
Closing Prayer:

Dear Father, help us to use the talents that you have given us, to be what you intended us to be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Parable of the Talents Maze

Help the servant take his one talent and use it to gain more talents.



Parable of the Talents Word Search

S V A L U A B L E E O P A W A
 F E O W N L D J L T M A H J F
 D Z I O K E A U S A O R U N Q
 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
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 buried
 celebrate
 doubled
 faithful
 master
 more
 parable
 servant
 special
 take
 talents
 trustworthy
 valuable

