



**At-A-Glance: Camp Venture
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 6, Lesson 29**

The Talents

**Lesson Aim: To know we should be faithful
with whatever God gives us.**

THE WELCOME – CAMP GAMES

CAMP GAMES: Ostrich Talent Toss

THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE

JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Today, we gather at the campfire to worship Jesus as our Teacher. Through the Parable of the Talents, Jesus teaches that God trusts us to build His kingdom. God gives us our voices, bodies, minds, hearts, and money to use for His kingdom. Let's be faithful with those gifts and use them all to worship Him with our tithes, songs, and prayers. Sing: "Well Done" while collecting the offering.

Take a moment and thank God for the many gifts He has given you. Pause for silent prayer. Read Worship Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10-11. **When we use our gifts for God, we are being faithful servants. We hope to hear Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"**

Sing songs and worship God.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook. Recite Camper's Code.

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

KINGDOM PARABLE

Camp Covenant.

Welcome to Tent Time! Today, at the campfire, we heard the Parable of the Talents. In Bible times, a talent was a large amount of money. A talent of gold was worth about fifteen years of a laborer's wages. Let's read the parable for ourselves.

If you brought your Bible, open it to Matthew 25:14-30 so you can follow along silently with me.

First let's ask God to open our hearts, souls and minds to His Word today. Who would like to pray that for us? Choose a camper to pray aloud. Read Matthew 25:14-30.

The money from the master was money the master trusted each servant to use wisely while he was away. How many talents did each servant receive? (Five talents, two talents, one talent.) **What mattered most to the master was not how much his servants were given but what his servants did with what they were given.**

What are some things God has trusted you with? (Money, treasures, good friends, special talents, hobbies, a close family, strengths, abilities, etc.) **How do you think God might want you to care for or use these things?** Today, we use the word 'talent' to describe a special ability. **God has trusted you with certain talents. Have you ever wondered what God wants you to do with your talents? How do you think you might use them to build God's kingdom?** (Campers respond.)

Why was the master so upset with the servant who buried the talent? (That servant made excuses, blamed the master, and didn't try to make money with it.)

What did the master say to each of the two servants who used the master's talents to make more talents? ("Well done, good and faithful servant.") **What would it feel like to hear God say that to you?**

PARABLE PAL

During Tent Time, we always open our Camp Cooler to find something from our Parable Pal about the kingdom of God. Let's see what our Parable Pal can show us about the Parable of the Talents. Counselor opens cooler and reads the letter from the Parable Pal.

SHARE A PRAYER

Requests and the Lord's Prayer

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- KINGDOM PARABLE JOURNAL: Talents Kingdom Parable Sticker
- CHALLENGE: DAILY WAY OR W³
- PARABLE POSTER PROJECT: The Talents
- LETTERS FROM CAMP
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Buried Treasure Snack

GAME: Name that Talent

CRAFT: Parable Wind Chimes–The Talents

BONUS PARABLE: The Mustard Seed

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Fruit Concentrate, Fruit of the Spirit Hopscotch