



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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

MEET & GREET: What is one thing your parents trust you to do?

GAME: Name That Talent

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Read Worship Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10-11.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE TALENTS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Parable of the Rich Fool

Today, we will learn about 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. In this story, the master gave each servant a different number of talents. He trusted each servant to use the amount he was given to make more money for him. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 25:14-30. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Matthew 25:21. Pray. Read.

THE WAY BE A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

How many talents did the first servant receive? (Five.) The second servant? (Three.) The third servant? (One.) What did the first two servants do? (Used the talents to make more money.) What did the master say to them? ("Well done, good and faithful servant.") What would it feel like to hear God say that to you? What did the master invite them to do? ("Come and share your master's happiness.") When we use the gifts God gives us to build His kingdom, it makes Him very happy. He invites us to share in that happiness with Him.

The first two servants served their master well with what they had been given. What did the third servant do with the talent he was given? (He buried it.) Why do you think the master so upset with

him? (He made excuses, blamed the master, didn't try to make money.) The master trusted this servant to use the money to make more money; instead, the servant did nothing with it. How do you think God feels when we do not use the gifts He has given us?

What are some gifts God has trusted you with? (Money, treasures, friends, special talents, hobbies, family, strengths, abilities, etc.) How do you think God might want you to care for or use these things to build His kingdom?

The servants were given different amounts of money according to their ability. The two servants were rewarded with the master's approval and invited to share in his happiness. Why do you think they were given the same reward for earning different amounts? Both did their best with what they had been given. God will reward you when you do your best with what He gives you.

If time allows, play WELL DONE game in the GOT TIME? segment.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus taught us that if we are faithful in the little things, God will trust us with bigger things. Check out the way wise King Solomon explained this same truth to God's people hundreds of years before Jesus told this parable. Reveal Proverbs 3:3-4. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How have you been faithful to use what you have been given? God notices when we are loving and faithful to do what He has asked. He sees our hard work. When we use what we are given, God gives us even more, just as the master did in today's parable.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: The Talents Kingdom Parable Sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Servant burying his master's money
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Buried Treasure Snack

GAME: Well Done!

CRAFT: Parable Wind Chimes–The Talents

BONUS PARABLE: The Mustard Seed

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

KINGDOM PARABLE REVIEW