



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of March 19, 2023: Matthew 25:14-30

Memory Verse

Matthew 25:14: *"For to all who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance...."*



Family Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the gifts that you have given us. Help us to recognize these gifts. Give us the courage to use our gifts to help others. Amen.



The Story

Theme of the story: God has given each of us special gifts or talents. We need to use them, not hide them. This lesson considers how we can be stewards, not just of money, but also of our time, resources, and abilities. When we share what we have with others, we wind up with more than we started out having.

Retelling For Young People

Here is the story we hear in the Gospel today: Three people were given some money. Two of them risked it. They spent the money on something that they hoped would make them even more money and it worked. They doubled the money they were given.



Activity: Talent Show

Have a family talent show. Each person can do something, whether it is telling a joke, reciting a poem, or singing a song. Be creative and use your imagination!

Craft "Bank" Box

You will need: tissue box, coffee can, shoebox, or other empty container; crayons or markers; stickers
Make a bank to save items such as coins or even prayer requests. Cut a slit in the top of the container. Decorate the rest of the container with stickers or other decorative materials. Use markers or crayons to write verses or reminders of what you're collecting.



The third person was nervous and kept the money hidden so it would be safe. The man who gave them the money returned. He was very happy with the two that invested or spent the money because they did something wonderful with a gift they had been given. He was very mad at the third person because he hid the gift and didn't do anything! He took the money from the third man and gave it to the first man because the first man used what was given to him.

When Jesus tells a story or a parable, there is always more going on than what it first seems. Jesus isn't really talking about money, or about rich people and servants. Jesus is talking about us! Jesus is talking about gifts from God that make us all good at different things. Some of us are really good at figuring out problems, some are good at art or music, or running or caring for people - all kinds of different things! Jesus is telling us to use our gifts to make the world better. We should not hide our talents but we should use them.

Family discussion: What are your talents? What are you good at? Is there a subject at school that is "easy" for you? Are you good at athletics, music, art, or even making new friends? God gave each of us something special.

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