



Sunday, November 15, 2020  
 Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30



## What's the Big Idea?

**God gave us special skills and talents so that we can use them to multiply God's love.**

In today's story, the word *talent* has a double meaning:

1. Talent can mean money. In Jesus' time, a talent was worth more than 15 years of wages for a laborer. That's A LOT of money! \$\$\$
2. Talent can also mean "life." God gave us lives of love to share, not bury.



### Read the story!

In your Spark Story Bible, read pages 316-317.

Can you find Squiggles?

Need a Bible? Contact Sarah!



### Live It Together

Using the gifts and talents we've been given to multiply God's love can feel risky...maybe even a little scary...maybe even a little scary at times. But when we're open to taking leaps of faith by sharing our gifts and talents the world is better because of it.

Clear some space in your living room and practice some "leaps of faith." Mark how far you can leap. Keep practicing to leap further.

Trusting God takes practice and oomph!

### Talk About It

*Enjoy time of curiosity and conversation with a trusted grown up:*

1. Did you know that today's story is about you? You probably know how to use what God gave you. Maybe you love to dance or sing; maybe you love to run fast. Show your family something you love to do.
2. Caregivers, children are often less afraid of risk than adults. Challenge the kids of your family to teach the adults how to take risks for God! You may volunteer in a new place, make friends with a neighbor, or get takeout less and donate the money you save to a charity or your church.
3. Grab paper and writing utensils. Each person writes or draws something they're afraid of. Gather the fears in a bowl and pray that God will help you with your fears. Invite family members to talk about their fears aloud, if possible.
4. Make a pie chart showing family finances. What percentage of your income goes to housing, food, and transportation? What percentage of your income do you give as an offering at church or to other charitable causes? How does your family decide what you will keep and what you will share?  
**Pray:** Dear God, sometimes we're afraid. We're afraid that we will lose the things we own. So we cling harder and keep our hopes buried inside us. Please help us to trust you and to trust that you will provide. Please teach us to not be afraid and to know when to take leaps of faith. Amen.

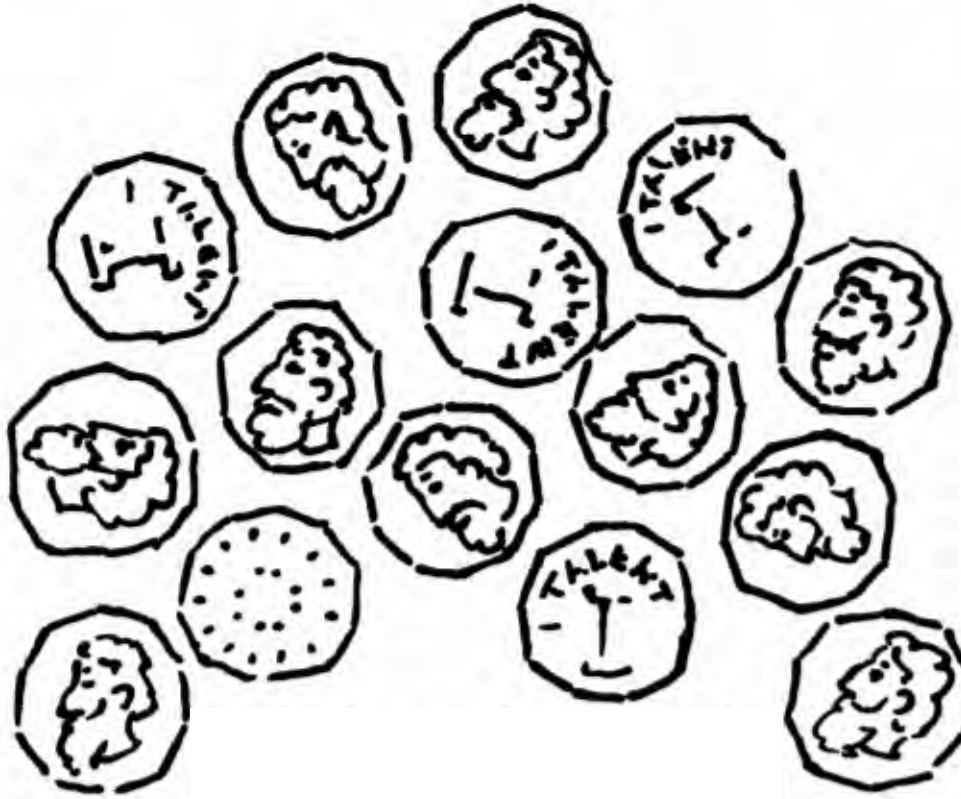
### Memorize It

*Have a grown up help you text or email a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah and she'll add a star under your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! When you get to 10 stars, Sarah will send you a fun prize.*

**Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master. Matthew 25:21**

Contact Sarah at Cell: 612.201.2916 or Email: [solson@trinitylc.org](mailto:solson@trinitylc.org)

## Use Your Talents!



The first servant received **5** talents, the second received **2** and the third received **1**. When the master returned, how many did each servant have? Color them this way to find out!



Color coins with faces on them in orange.



Color coins with letters on them in blue.



Color coins with dots on them in purple.

## Parable of the Talents



The man returned, and two servants handed him more than they had been given.