

2018
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
“The Lord’s Church”
Elementary Class Material
Friday Lesson
“The Work of the Church”

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Friday

Parable of the talents

Scriptures: Matthew 25: 14 – 30; Romans 12: 6-8

Memory verse: Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4: 10

Key people: Jesus, master, servants

Props to tell the story: coins, bags to put coins in.

The story:

Our story starts out with a man (the master) getting ready to leave on a long journey.

1. The man calls his servants together before he leaves and entrusts the servants with his property.
2. To one servant he gave 5 talents of money.
3. To another servant he gave 2 talents of money.
4. To the third servant he gave 1 talent of money.
5. Each servant was given talents according to his ability.
6. The man then left on his journey.

The servant with 5 talents went at once and put his money to work and gained 5 more talents.

The servant with 2 talents gained 2 more talents.

The servant with 1 talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

In Matthew 25, verse 19 we learn that after a long time the master of the servants returned and wanted to settle his accounts with the servants.

1. The servant who had received 5 talents brought the other 5 talents.
"Master, he said, you trusted me with 5 talents. See I have gained 5 more."

The master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness."

2. The servant with 2 talents also came. "Master he said, you trusted me with 2 talents, see, I have gained 2 more." His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness."
3. Then the servant who had received 1 talent came. "Master, he said, I knew that you were a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the ground. See, here it is what belongs to you."

Was the master happy with him? No he was not. The man had done nothing to try to increase or build on the talent he had been given.

4. According to verse 26, the master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed. Well, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest." The master took the talent from him and gave it to the servant with 10 talents.

God gives us all talents. Not the money kind, but special gifts, so that we can all do the Lords work. We are all good at something. We may not all have the same gifts or abilities. It is up to us to use what we have been given. Read Romans 12:6 – 8.

Discussion:

1. What is a gift?
 - A. Something you receive.
 - B. Something you give.
 - C. Special ability or talent.
2. What gifts has God given you?
3. What are some of the gifts or talents that people in the church have?

Teach	Make communion bread
Study with someone	Greeter
Song leader	Mow the grass

Serve communion
Take care of the building
Work with the youth
Visit the sick
Pray for others
Give devotionals

Elder
Be an encourager
Send a card to someone
Take food to someone
Lead worship service
Give money

Read 1 Peter 4:10.

Activities to choose from:

[Parable of the talents activity page](#)

[We are the church coloring page](#)

[Bible crossword and answer page](#)

[Talented button catch game](#)

Object is to catch the button in the tube

Items needed:

Toilet paper tube for each child

Construction paper to cover tube

Memory verse printed out to glue around tube

15" piece of yarn

Large button

Stickers to decorate

Glue construction paper around tube. Then glue memory verse and add stickers. Attach button to yarn and poke very small hole in bottom side of tube. Push yarn through hole and tie a large knot inside tube to hold the yarn. Have fun trying to catch button.



The Parable of the Talents



(Matthew 25:14-30)

Directions: Jesus told a story of a man who gave his servants some “talents” of money before he left on a trip. (One “talent” was worth about \$1,000.) What did they do with all that money? Use the number code to complete the story.

CODE										
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The first servant received _____ talents, or \$_____ from his master. He doubled his

money: _____ talents x _____ = \$_____.

The second servant received _____ talents, or \$_____. He also doubled his

money: _____ talents x _____ = \$_____.

The third servant received _____ talent, or \$_____. Instead of trying to

invest the money wisely like the other servants did, he buried it in a hole in the ground.

_____ talent x _____ = \$_____. He still had the \$_____

he started out with, but that was all.

When the master returned, he was very pleased with the first servant who had

\$_____ for him and with the second servant who had

\$_____ for him. He was angry with the third servant. He took away his

\$_____ and gave it to the first servant.

• We Are the Church •



Mom teaches Sunday school. She is the church.

Dad is a deacon. He is the church.

The minister teaches about Jesus. He is the church.

Brother is part of the youth group. He is the church.

Grandpa is an elder. He is the church.

Grandma bakes communion bread. She is the church.

I give some money. I am the church.

We worship Jesus. We are the church.

BIBLE CROSSWORD



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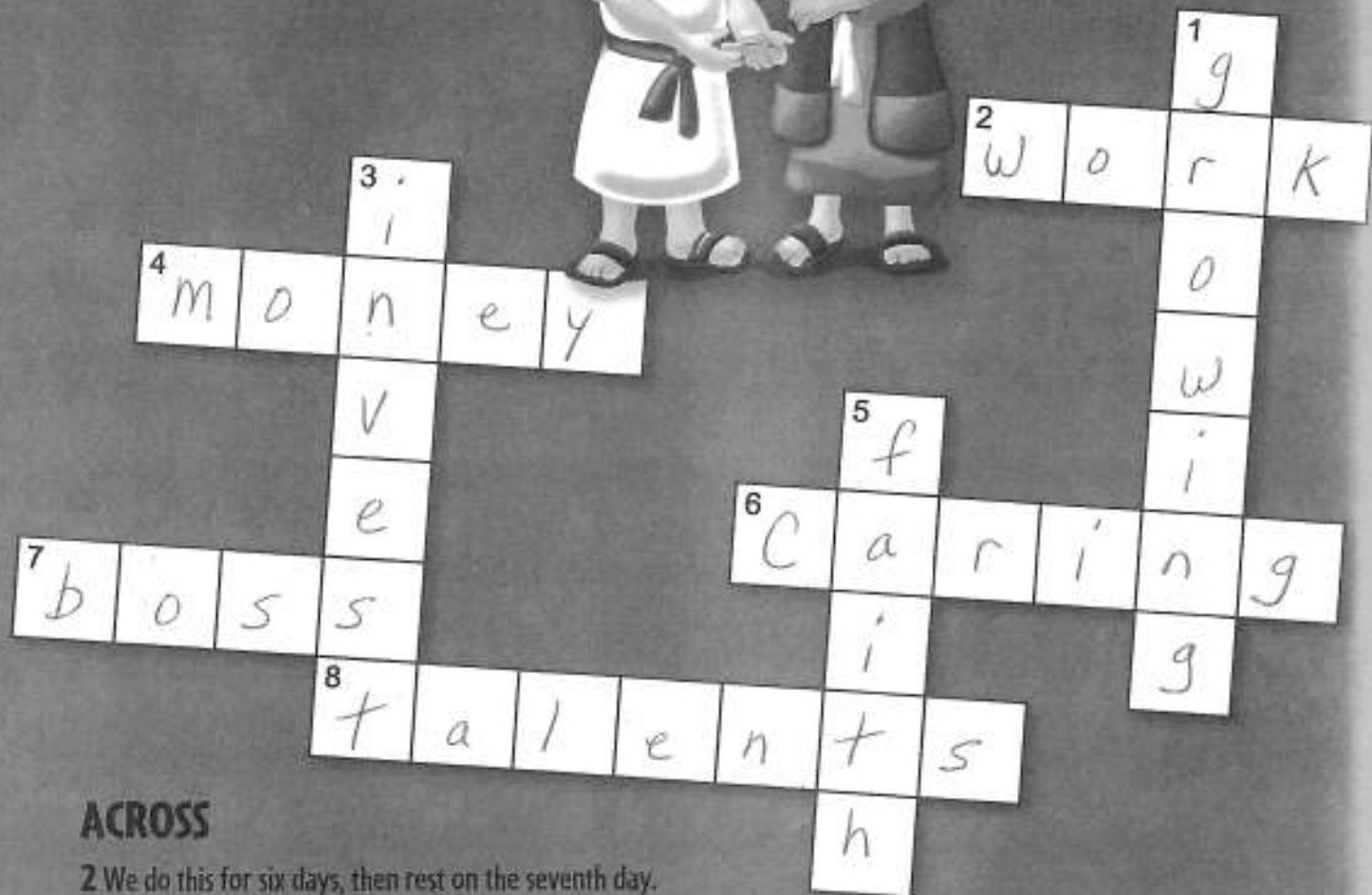
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There are no moths, rust, nor thieves in heaven.
Where you build your treasure is where your heart will be.**

Matthew 6:20-21



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