

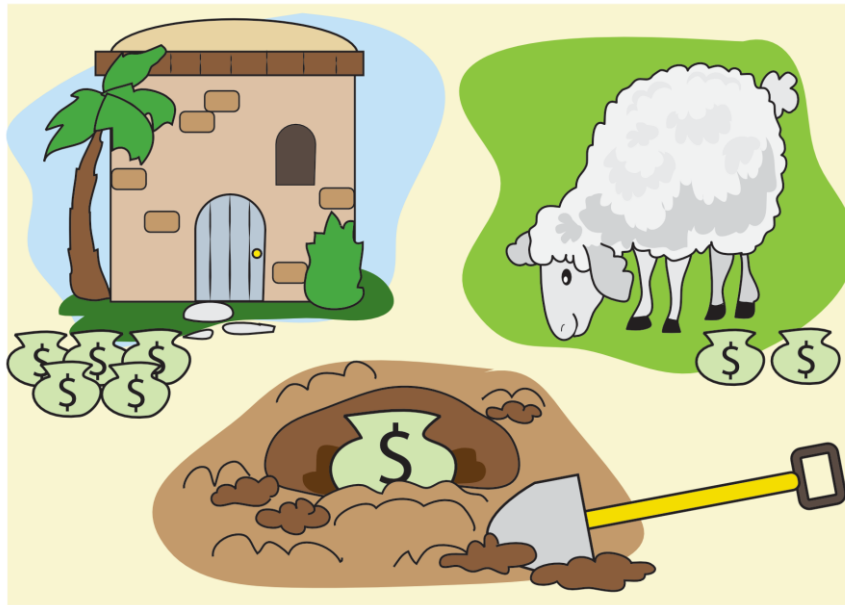
The Parable of the Talents

Baby and Toddler Lesson



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Story



Jesus told a story to teach people to use their gifts.

A man was going on a long journey.

He asked his servants to take care of his things while he was gone.

He gave the first servant five talents of money.

He gave the second man two talents.

He gave the third man one talent.

Each servant was given something precious.

The first servant, with five talents used his money and got five more.

The second servant used his two talents and made two more.

The third servant dug a hole and hid the talent.

He was afraid of losing it.

When the master returned, he was very happy with the first two servants.

But he was angry with the third man, because he did nothing.

Share out the talents

The master gave each servant a different number of talents.

Skills learned:



Materials needed:

Printable pages

Preparation:

Cut out the servant images and the money bags.

Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Remind the children that there were 'three' servants.

Place the servants one by one in front of the child. Count as you go.

Show the numbers on the servants. Read the numbers with the child.

Ask the child to give each servant the correct number of money bags.

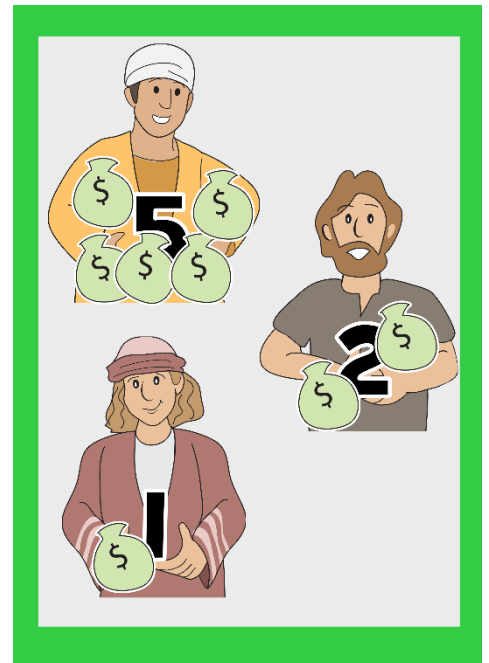
Toddlers:

Place the servant with five talents by the child.

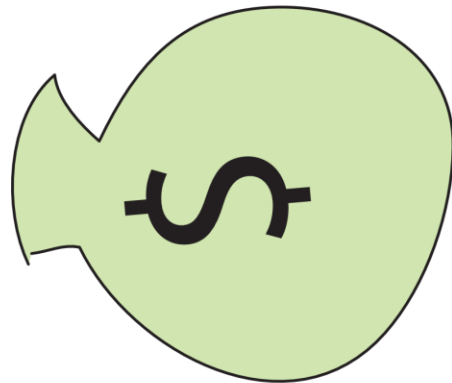
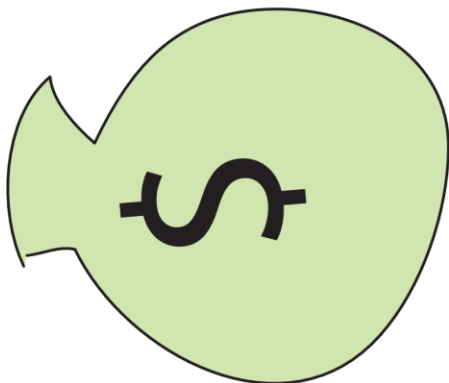
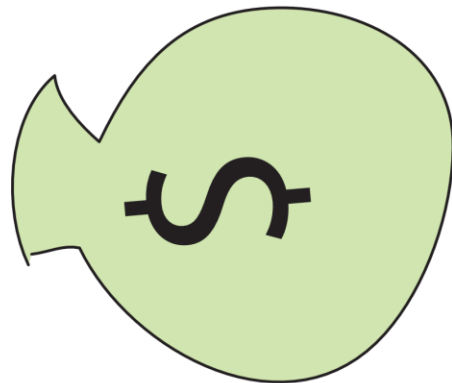
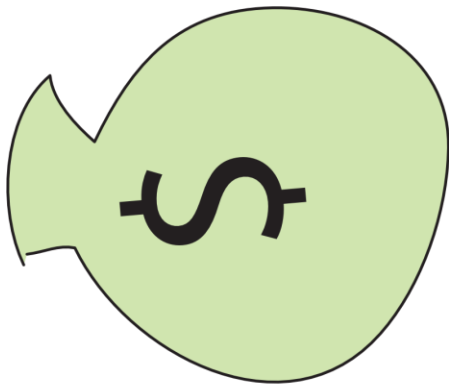
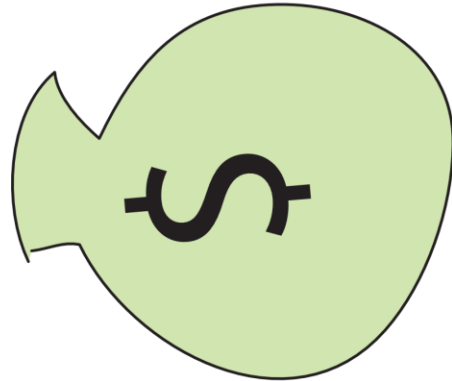
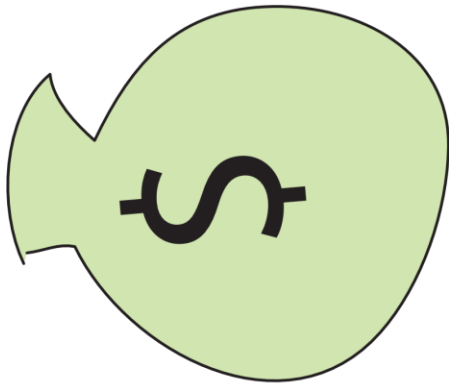
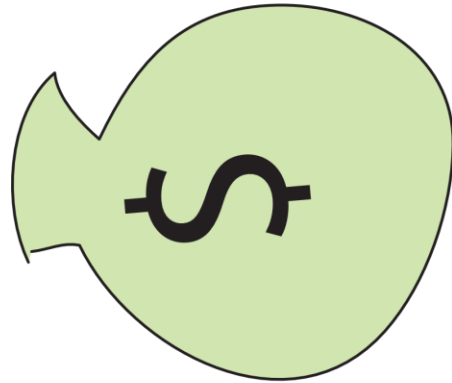
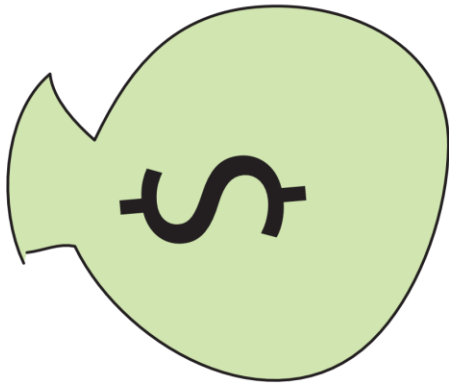
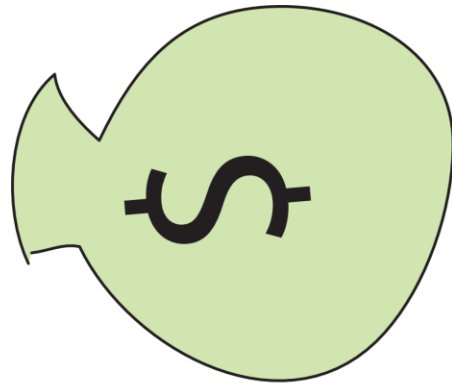
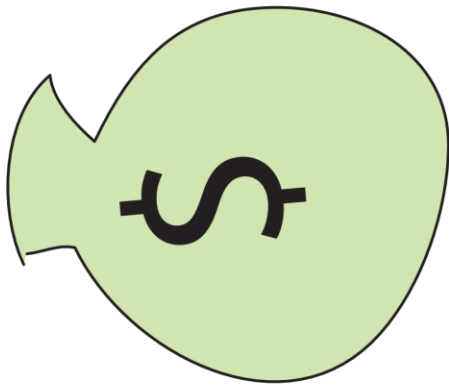
Say that he doubled the talents. Count another five talents to give to him.

Repeat with servant with 2 talents.

Remind them that the last servant did nothing, so only had one talent.



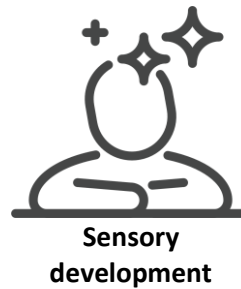




Hidden Image

God doesn't want us to hide our talents but use them for His glory!

Skills learned:



Materials needed:

Marker pens
Kitchen paper
Plate
Water



Preparation:

Draw some hidden images on kitchen paper. Fold so the children cannot see the image.

Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Show the child the paper (It should look blank).

Place a little water on a plate.

Ask the child to lay the image onto the water.

The image will appear.

Talk about how the images was always there, just hidden.

Allow the child to watch you make another image.

Repeat as long as there is interest.

You may introduce the child's name, or letter and numbers to appear when placed in the water.

Hidden Treasure Sensory Box

The third servant hid the talent in fear of losing it.

Skills learned:



Sensory
development



Concentration



Sight

Materials needed:

A large box or sandpit.

Something to fill the box (shredded paper, rice, sand, etc)

An item to be a treasure



Preparation:

Prepare the sensory box.

An alternative would be to hide the treasure under something in the room.

Steps:

For Babies and Toddlers:

Show the child the treasure.

Explain that you will hide it somewhere and they need to find it.

Ask them to close their eyes while you hide the treasure.

The child should then try to find the treasure.

Once found, the child should try and hide it from you.

Our Talent Show

God has given each person special gifts and talents to use

Skills learned:



Life Skill



Creativity



Speech

Materials needed:

None

Preparation:

Create a stage area in the room.

Steps:

For Toddlers:

Explain that God has given each of us special abilities.

Say that you are going to make a talent show to celebrate the talents God has given.

Invite the child to sing a song, do a dance, make a painting etc.

Congratulate the child on using their gift.

Say that God is pleased when we use the abilities, He has given us for Him.



Weights and measures

A talent was a weight and measurement used for precious metals. In this activity children will learn and compare different objects and weights.

Skills learned:



Materials needed:

Balance or weighing scale

Every day or toy objects

Preparation:

Fill a tray with different objects to weight



Steps:

For Toddlers:

Show the child the tray with objects.

Ask if they think some items are heavier than others.

Allow them to arrange the objects from light to heavy by guessing and feeling the weight in their hands.

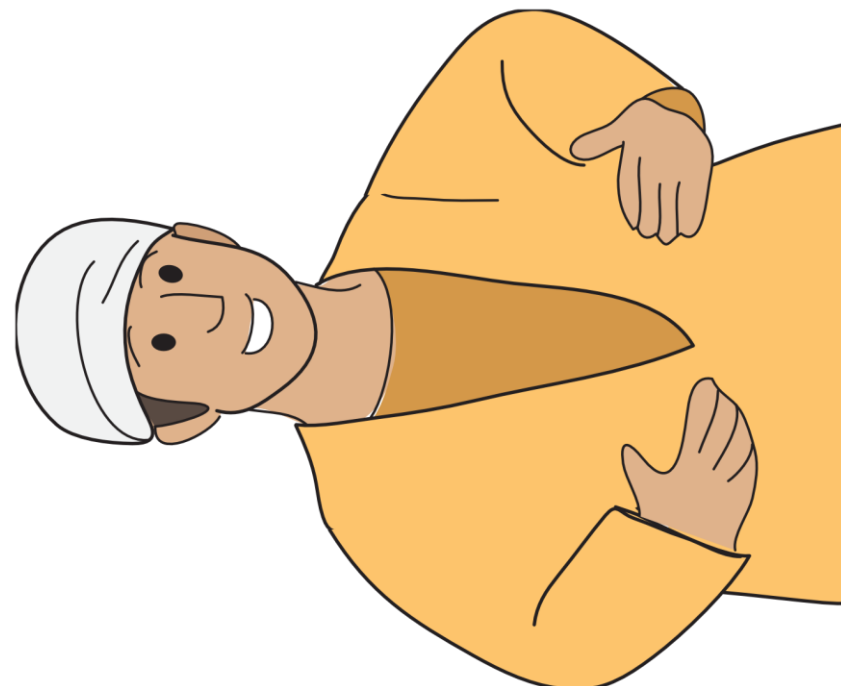
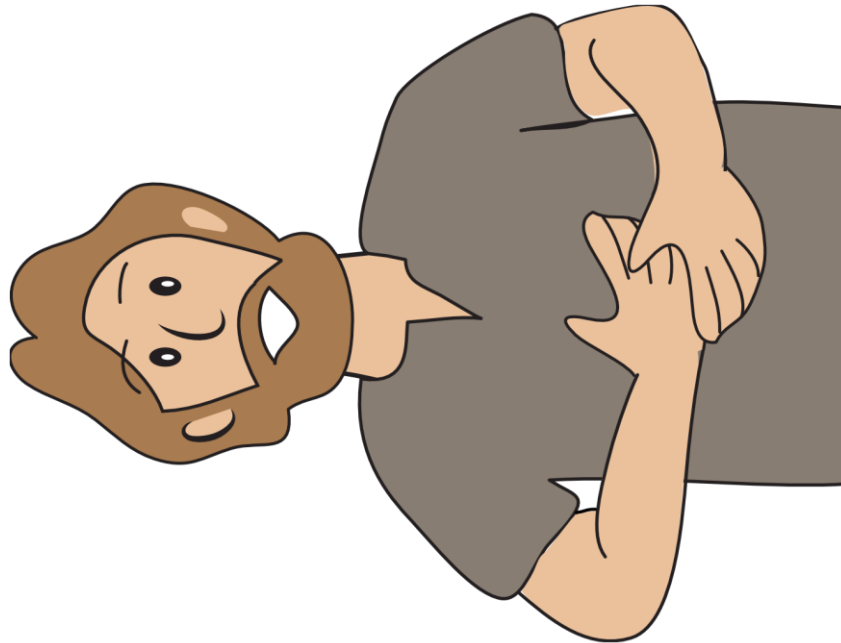
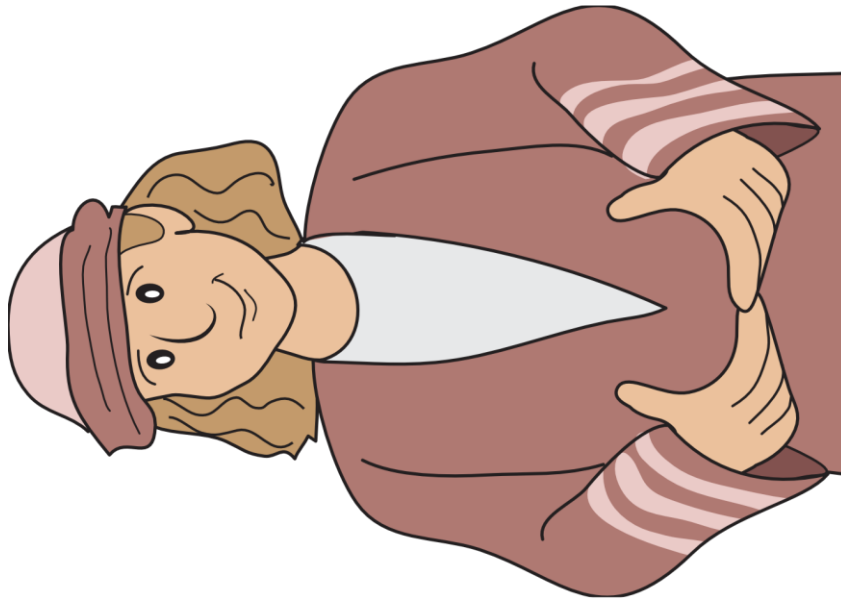
Now it's time to measure the objects.

Place the scale in front of the child and show how to use.

Make note of the weight of each object and rearrange if needed.

Allow the child to experiment with the scale.

Make some coins from playdough to give to each servant



Songs



Recommended worship songs. Not produced by Trueway Kids. YouTube Videos to be used for personal use only.

This little light of mine

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