



Make it count!
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Living A Fruitful Life (Lesson 4)
Don't Waste Your Talents

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LESSON OBJECTIVE

After completing this lesson, the children will learn that they should use the gifts given to them by God to help build up the Body of Christ.

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 minutes)

Gifts From Above (Word Puzzle) [Click Here](#)

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES (5 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)

MEMORY WORK (10 minutes)

"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) NIV

Have the children follow along as you read the verse, then ask for volunteers to take turns reading the verse from their Bible. Have the kids close their Bibles and let volunteers recite the verse from memory.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Today, when we say that someone is talented, we are usually talking about a special ability, perhaps in playing a musical instrument, or drawing, or even someone who is especially good at sports. We all know someone who is talented. But in Jesus time, a talent was actually a large sum of money. It was equal to about two years of wages. Wouldn't it be nice to get that much money as a Birthday gift? What would you do with it? Jesus told a parable using the talent as a symbol of great fortune. But not of money, instead as a special gift from God. Let's read the parable, to see what the people did with their talents.

Read Matthew 25: 14-30 (The parable of the talents)

Discussion Questions:

1. What did the master give each servant? (5 talents, 2 talents and 1 talent)
2. What made the master happy? (When the servants used their talents wisely to earn more)
3. What made the master angry? (When the last servant wasted his one talent)
4. If the talents given to each servant represented a gift to share Jesus with others, what did the first two servants do different from the last servant? (They shared the Good News and more people came to know Jesus, while the last servant just kept the joy to himself)
5. Why did the master give away the talent of the servant who had only one?

CLASS EXERCISES (10 minutes)

What's My Talent? (Game) [Click Here](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 minutes)

Parable of the Talents (Skit) [Click Here](#)

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

Have everyone turn back to Matthew 25: 14-30 and count the number of times "Talent" appears. (14 times) Explain that just as it appears a lot of times, God also generously gives talents to all of His children. He never holds back His special gifts. Your special talent may not be sports or playing an instrument or singing, but you do have some. It may be caring for others, serving, praying, or perhaps simply being a good friend when someone is in need. We can either waste the gifts God gives us by passing up opportunities to use them, or use them every chance we can to further the Kingdom of God. If we just waste them, they may disappear altogether. Just remember the servants in our parable and you will know what to do.

NEXT WEEK

Have you ever been asked this question: What would you buy if you had a thousand dollars? Next week you will have a chance to spend a thousand dollars however you wish.

CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)