

The Parable of the Talents



Today's Bible Story: In this story a man entrusted his money to his servants while he went away on a trip. One was given 5 bags of gold, another 2, and another 1. The servant with 5 bags of gold took good care of the money and made more. The servant with 2 bags of gold took good care of the money and made more. The servant with one bag of gold did not take good care of the money. He buried the money that he was to take care of in the ground.

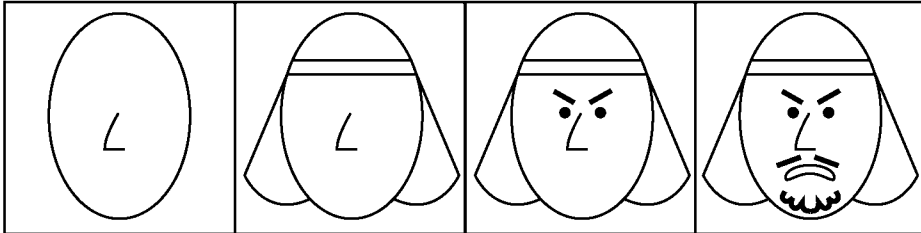
There are 5 things you might like to do as part of our time of worship.

- 1. MONEY MATTERS**— How do you handle the money you receive? Do you use it in a way that honors God? God wants us to make good choices with our money!
- 2. MORE FOR YOU**—The master in the story praises the first two servants with these words, “You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will trust you with more”. In what ways have you showed you could do well, so you could be allowed to do something even better? Example— you showed you could take care of a fish, so your parents let you have a dog. Draw a picture of a time like that. Even when it seems like a small job to care of something, God always wants us do the best we can!
- 3. WORD OF THE DAY**—“**FAITHFUL**” God asks us to be faithful with all that God has given us. That means doing our best in everything and making good choices about the stuff and money we have. Pray for God to show you where you need to be more faithful in caring for what God has blessed you with.
- 4. FEAR NOT**— the 3rd servant was too afraid to do anything with the money he was given, and in the end he didn't *lose* any of the money that he was given, but the Master in the story was not happy. Perhaps one of the lessons of this story is that we can't let fear stop us from doing good things. Has fear ever stopped you from doing something you thought God wanted you to do? When? How could things be different next time?
- 5. YOUR WORK?**— God has given every person some work to do for Him. It can involve using your gifts and talents or your time. It can be for helping others. What is something you believe God wants you to do and are you doing it?
- 6. BIBLE BRAIN BUSTERS**— Complete the children's worship bulletin included in this bag. It is based on today's Bible passage.



The master was not pleased with the servant who did nothing with the gold.

Follow the steps to draw the displeased master.

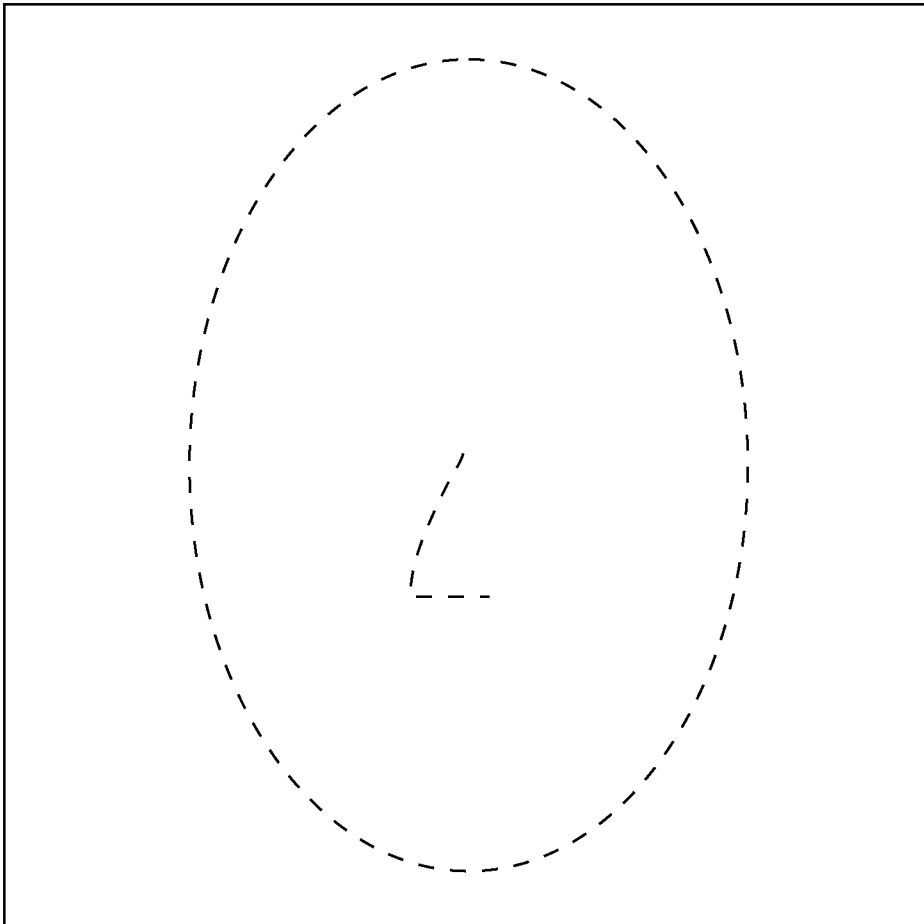


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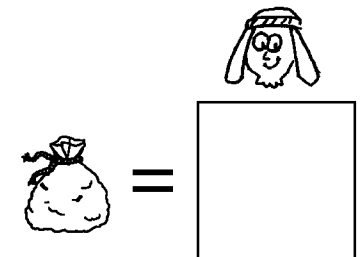
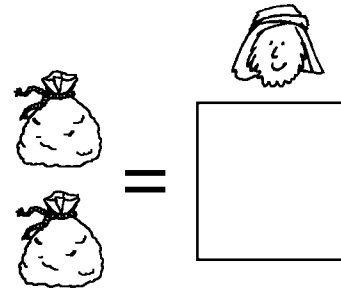
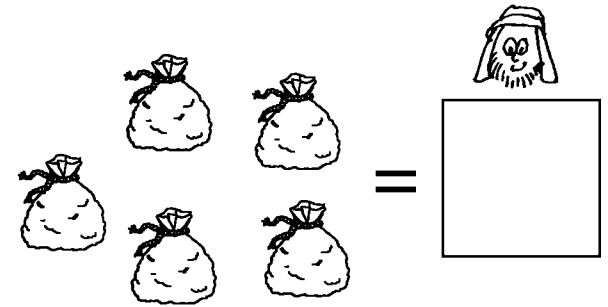
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A man was going on a journey. He gave his servants different amounts of gold.

Count the bags of gold and write the number.



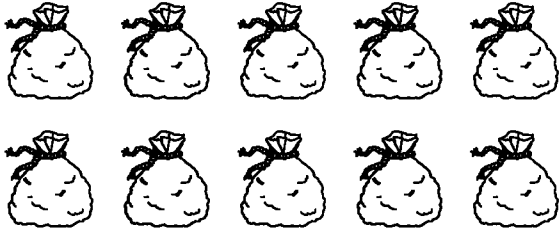
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2 of the servants put their master's money to work. They gained more. But the servant who was given 1 bag hid it.

Circle the servant who hid it.



$$5 + 5 = 10$$



$$2 + 2 = 4$$



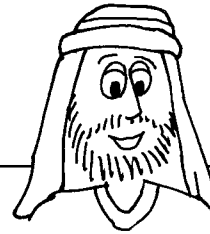
$$1 + 0 = 1$$



The master returned. He was pleased with the servants who doubled his money. He said, ...

Use the boxed code to write what was said.

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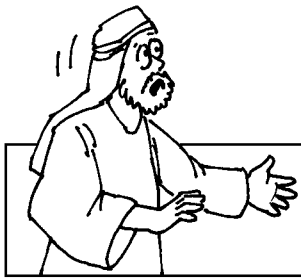
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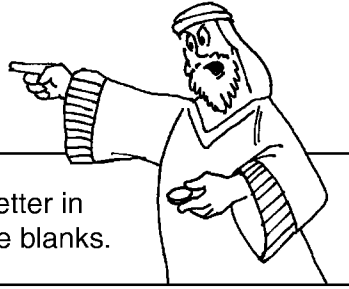
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When the man returned, he was very happy with the first 2 men, but disappointed in the third. What did he say?



Fill in the missing letter in each word to fill in the blanks.



“ P E A Y K P who has
 O E V O A L O A will be given
 P N E U R K W N
 L R N N U
 E Y D T

A W A A
 R N N N
 B E D I
 L R N
 E G

and they
 will have an M P K M S
 K O R E A R O A A
 E T P E N C T T T
 U T L C H I T
 P L E E C L
 E E E

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Jesus told His followers a parable.

Add and subtract letters to fill in the blanks.

- at + - te + - kot + - iraffe
 = _____
- acket + - hse + - acket + - ke + - arn = _____
- hep + - wist + - se + - te + - ail
 = _____
- p + - nk + - on + - og
 = _____
- ot + - e + - a + - urke
 = _____

“The kingdom of heaven will be like a man 1) _____ on a 2) _____, who called his 3) _____ and 4) _____ his 5) _____ to them.”

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What happened next?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

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Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

 G L L M V

 G S V N Z M T Z E V

 U R E V G Z O V M G H

 L U N L M V B G L

 Z M L G S V I G D L

 G Z O V M G H Z M W

 G L Z M L G S V I

 L M V G Z O V M G

 V Z X S

 Z X X L I W R M T G L

 S R H Z Y R O R G B

 G S V M S V

 D V M G L M S R H

 Q L F I M V B

What did each man do with his money?

Find 18 words that don't make sense or seem out of place. Replace them with words from the list that have only 1 letter different.

had	work	two	five	man	hid
put	hole	more	dug	went	more
had	went	man	five	money	ground

The ^{man}~~mat~~ who sad received the fine talents bent at once and but his money to word and gained live core. So also, the one with the too talents gained two sore. But the pan who hat received the one talent lent off, rug a mole in the around and hit his master's honey.



* A talent was worth more than a thousand dollars.