



Children's Activity Sheet



The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

Don't Bury Your Talents!

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.

Our Gospel today is story that Jesus told, called the Parable of the Talents. In the story, a very wealthy man was going to go on a trip, so he called his three servants together and told them that he was leaving them in charge of all of his wealth. He divided up his wealth and gave five talents of money to the first servant (in Jesus' day, that was a lot); to the second servant, he gave two talents (still a large sum of money); and to the third servant, he gave one talent (even one talent was worth quite a lot!).

The first servant took the five talents his master had given him and put it to work and earned five more talents. The second also invested his two talents wisely and earned two more talents. The third servant was afraid of the master, so he when out and buried his one talent in the ground for safe keeping.

When the master returned, he was very pleased when the first two servants told him that they had doubled his money. "Well done," he said. "Because you had been faithful with what I have given you, I will give you much more." "How about you?" he asked the third servant. "What did you do with the money that I left with you?" The master was angry when the third servant told him he had hidden the treasure in the ground for safe keeping. "You are a wicked and lazy servant. You could have at least put my money in the bank where it would earn more." He then took the one talent from the lazy servant and gave it to the one who had ten talents.

Look inside to find out what this parable means for us !

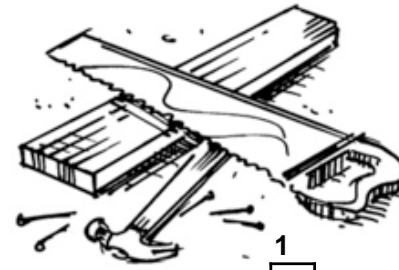
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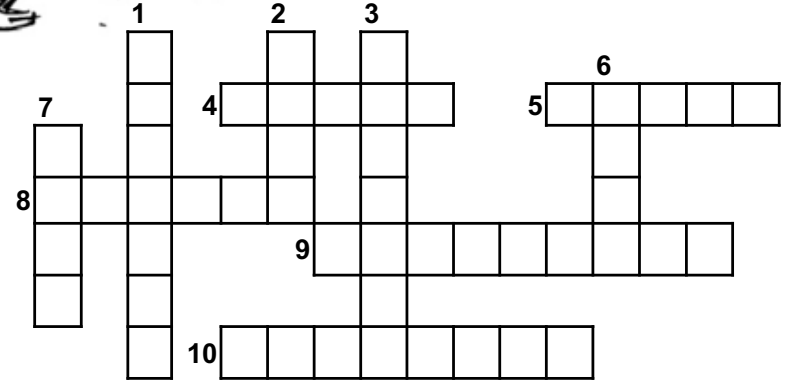
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MASTER	SERVANT	PROPERTY
SHARE	MONEY	ABILITY
WICKED	FAITHFUL	ENTRUSTED
GAINED	HAPPINESS	LAZY

Children's Prayer

Hello God! Please help us to use the talents that you have given us, so that we too can grow and become who you intend us to be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- The coins and bills that are used to buy things
- To divide or use something with others
- To be filled with fear
- A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
- To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

- A trip, especially one over a great distance
- The opposite of bad
- A person who is employed to do work for another person
- Put something in a place where it cannot be found
- Not willing to work

Afraid	Happiness	Lazy	Journey	Faithful
Good	Hide	Share	Money	Servant

So What Does Today's Gospel Mean For Us?

In the Parable of the Talents, God is the Master and you and I are his servants. The talents that the master gave to his servants in this story was a form of money. But God has given us talents too, hasn't he? God created each of us with special gifts and he expects us to use those gifts for the purpose for which he gave them to us.

So what special gifts has God given you? And how do you think God wants you to use them?