



November 15, 2020

Hello Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Families,

"Parable of the Talents" is the title of this week's lesson, from Matthew 25:14-30. This lesson comes from one of Jesus' teachings through use of parables. This one reminds us to use our talents to honor God. Our memory verse for this week is "For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them." Matthew 25:29

<https://sermons4kids.com/> is the homepage and where you will find the sermon lesson to read to your children. For this lesson, you will need a gift box and several index cards. Attached to this email is a printable handout where children can draw a self-portrait using their talents.

Beside the lesson are links to print a coloring page, word search, a crossword puzzle and more. Feel free to use any of these supplemental activities for your child's individual level.

This week's group activities can also be found in that list of resources besides the sermon reading. Feel free to use and modify any of these activities to suit your family. At the bottom of this email, there is a themed snack idea provided by Sermons4Kids. There you will also find the Discussion Questions and Suggested Prayer Starters from Sermons4Kids.

Sample prayer for this week:

Dear God, thank You that You created us and You love us. You also gave each of us talents. Sometimes, God, we're afraid to share our talents, and sometimes we share them so we can get all the applause and praise. God we need Your help to share Your talents for Your glory. Will You help us please? In Jesus' name, amen.

We pray for the peace and health of you all! We have enjoyed seeing many children in Sunday School and Nursery Care and look forward to seeing the rest of you soon!

God bless you,

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Elementary Discussion:

This week, kids learned in Matthew 25:14-30 that Jesus told a parable about three servants. Their boss gave each of them money and then went on a trip. When he returned, he found out that two of the servants had doubled their money. But the third one hid his money. When the boss returned, he rewarded the first two and scolded the third one. Kids learned that we use our talents to honor God. Bible Memory Verse: "For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them." Matthew 25:29

Discussion Questions:

What did you learn about the three servants in your Bible lesson?

What talents has God given you?

What are some ways you can use your talent for God?

What would it look like for you to work at this talent with all your heart?

What do you do to figure out what your other talents from God are?

Prayers:

Thank God for teaching us from the Bible.

Thank God for the talents He has given you.

Ask God to give you ways to use your talent for Him.

Ask God to show you ways to serve Him with all your heart.

Ask God to show you other talents to serve Him.

Coin Cookies:

You'll Need:

- Large sugar cookies
- Decorations - icing, sprinkles, gel, M&Ms
- Napkins
- Plastic Knives

Do This:

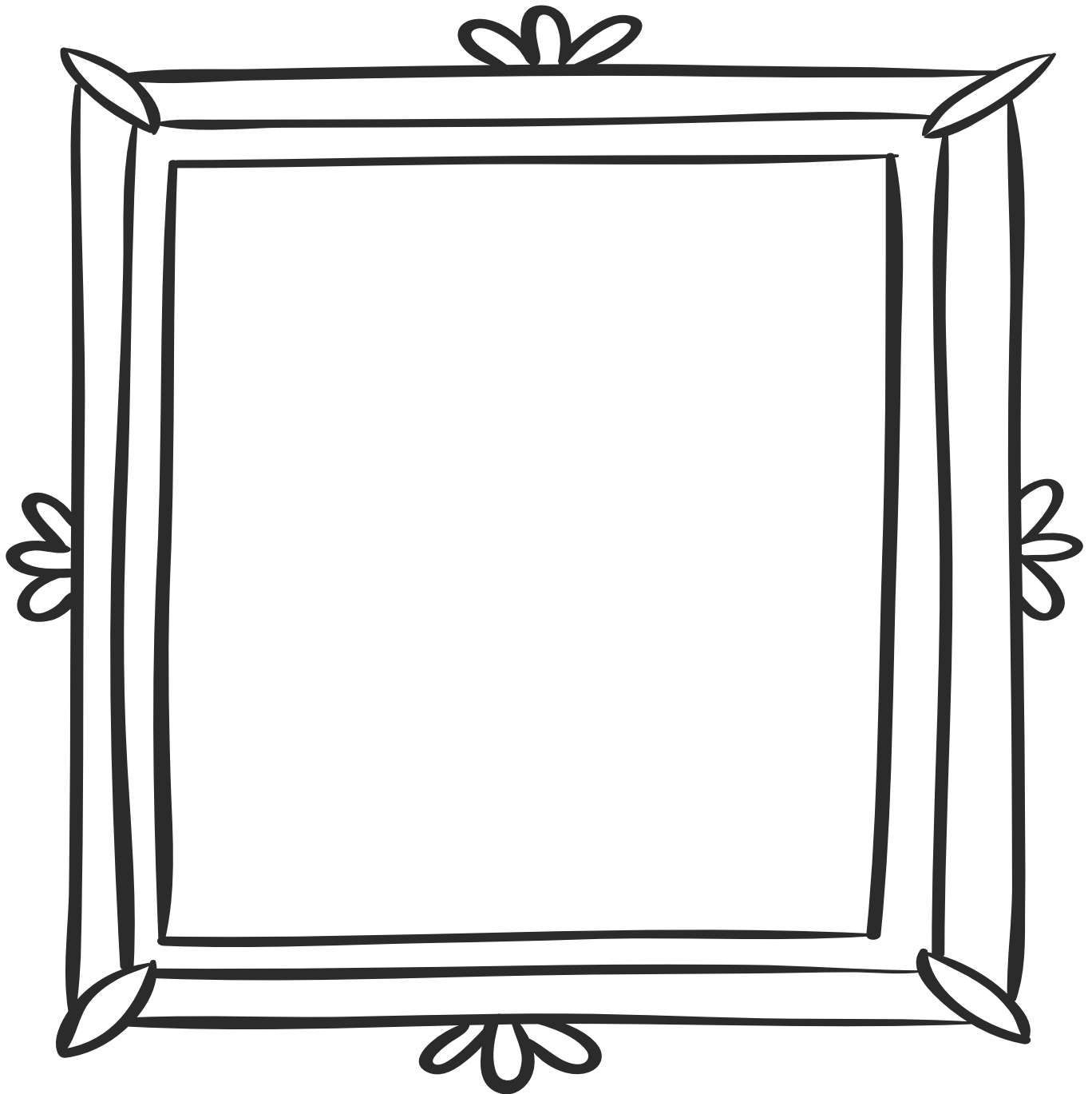
- Give each child a large sugar cookie.
- Have them use their cookie decorating talents to see who can design the best sugar cookie.

SAY:

- Not all of us are talented at decorating cookies, but it sure is fun. God has gifted each of us and we're called to use our talents and not hide them.

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

ONE PER CHILD



“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

-Colossians 3:23