

# THE TALENTS

## *Matthew 25:14-30*

### **Matthew 25**

<sup>14</sup>“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability.

Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup>The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. <sup>17</sup>So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.

<sup>18</sup>But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’

<sup>21</sup>“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>22</sup>“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’

<sup>23</sup>“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will

put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>24</sup>“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup>So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

<sup>26</sup>“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup>Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

<sup>28</sup>“Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. <sup>30</sup>And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) How many talents did the man going on a journey give to each servant? (Verse 15)
5		2.) Which servants pleased the master the most?
5		3.) Which servant was the man pleased with least?
5		4.) Why do you think the man was so upset with the servant who buried his money?

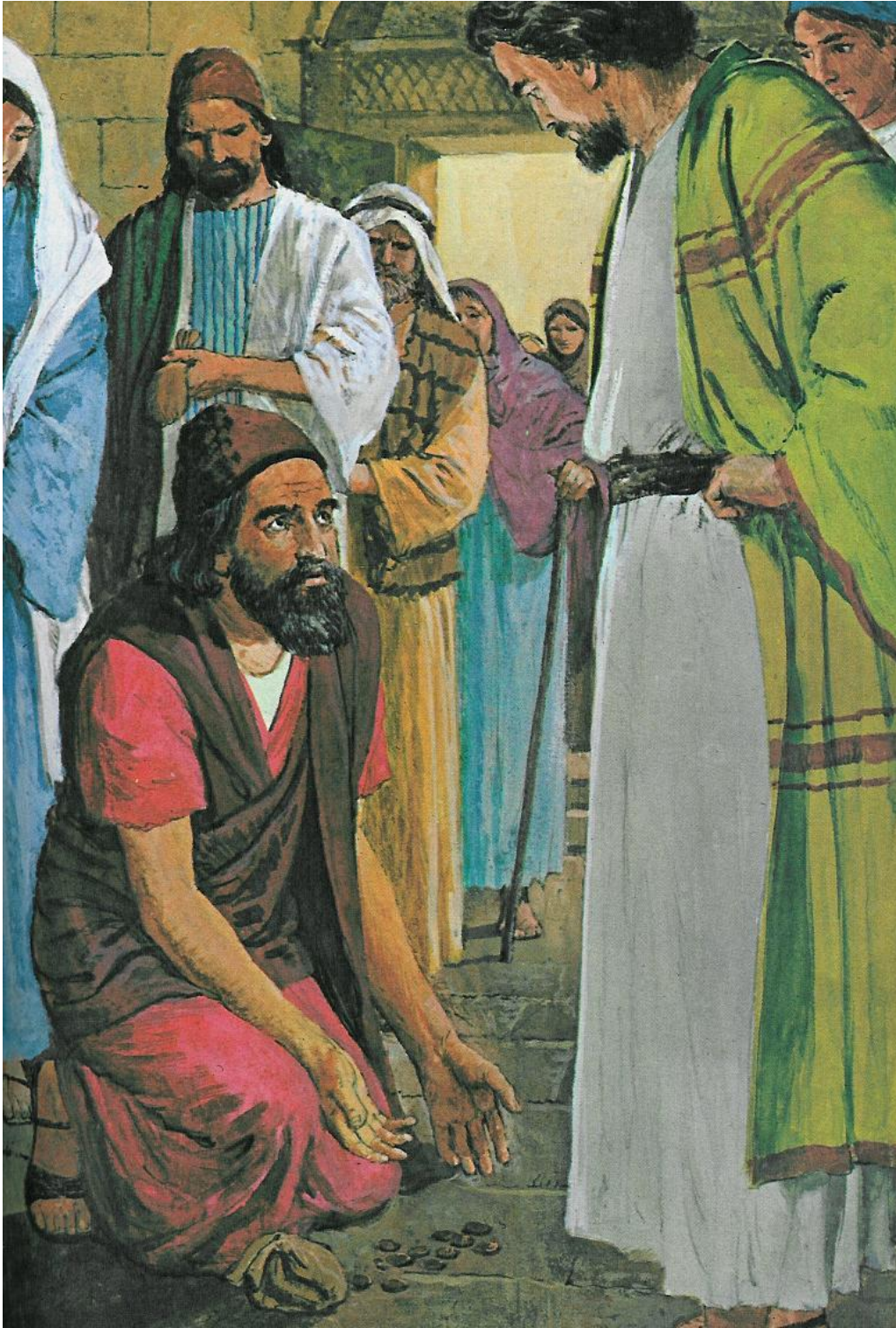
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”</p> <p>Colossians 3:23</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	<p>LEADER’S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____</p>

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*The master was upset with his lazy servant*



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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: COINS IN THE DIRT

Students will make “dirt” and place a coin in it to remind them of the one servant who buried his master’s talent in the ground; keeping it from increasing in value.

### MATERIALS

1. Instant Jell-o Chocolate Pudding (One box for every 6 students)
2. Milk
3. Mixing Bowl
4. Measuring Cup
5. Wisk
6. 5 oz. Disposable Drinking Cups
7. Coins (Plastic)
8. Oreos
9. Gallon Sized Ziplock Bags
10. Large Spoon



### DIRECTIONS

1. Follow the directions on the box of pudding. Let students help measure, pour, and stir.
2. Put Oreos in a Ziplock bag and let students crush them.
3. Mix in the crushed Oreo cookies with the chocolate pudding.
4. Help students scoop out enough “dirt” to nearly fill the 5 oz. cups.
5. Bury a coin in the “dirt”

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are mixing up a batch of “dirt” remind them that the master in the parable was pleased with the two servants that put his money to work. He was unhappy with the one servant who did nothing with the money he was responsible for. Help students realize that God wants us to be ready for Christ’s return. We need to be about the master’s business and work to increase the kingdom of God.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” Colossians 3:23*

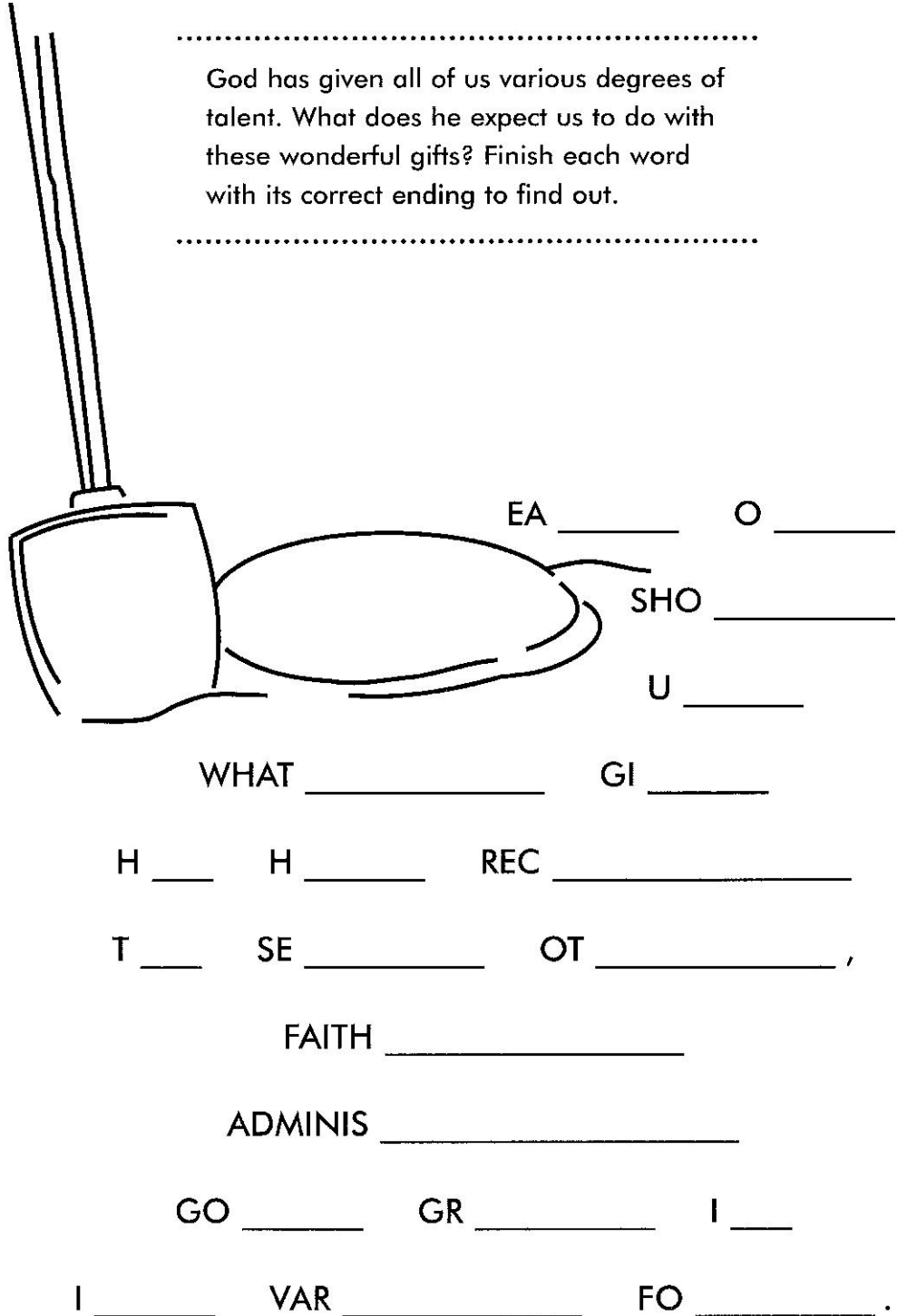


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God has given all of us various degrees of talent. What does he expect us to do with these wonderful gifts? Finish each word with its correct ending to find out.  
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# THE BIBLE TIMES HERALD

A SPECIAL REPORT ON MATTHEW 25:14-30

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Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He calls his servants and gives them his property to care for while he is

gone. One servant was given five talents of money. Another servant received two talents. And a third servant received one talent. The servant with the five talents put the money to work and earned five more talents. The servant with the two talents earned two more. But the servant who was given one talent simply buried the talent.

When the master returned, he collected his money from the first two servants. The master was pleased with how the two servants made his money grow.

The master went to the servant who was given one talent and was upset that he didn't do anything with it. "You could have put it in the bank and I would have received it back with interest," the master said. The master called the servant wicked, lazy, and worthless.

For more details, please read Matthew 25:14-30 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

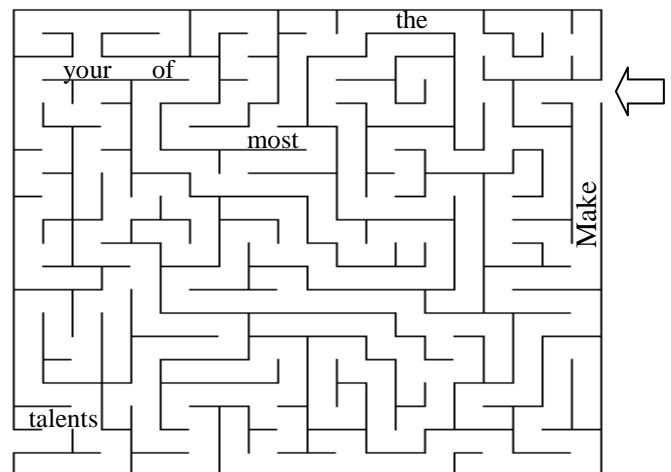
1. How many talents did the man going on a journey give to each servant?
2. Which servants pleased the master the most?
3. Which servant was the man pleased with least?
4. Why do you think the man was so upset with the servant who buried his money?

## MEMORY VERSE

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23

## MAZE MESSAGE

Write down each word as you come to it to find the hidden message.



Hidden message: \_\_\_\_\_