

Bible Story - Parable of the Talents

The Story is taken from Matthew 25:14-30

Once there was a very rich man. He had to go away on a trip, so he called some of his servants to look after his money for him.

To the first servant, he gave 5 million dollars.

To the second servant, he gave 2 million dollars.

To the last servant, he gave 1 million dollars.

Then the rich man went away on his trip.

Right away, the first servant went and put the 5 million dollars to good use, so that he made even more money! He made 5 million dollars more!

The second servant did the same thing with his 2 million dollars. He made 2 million dollars more too!

The third servant did not put his 1 million dollars to good use. Instead, he dug a hole in the ground, and buried the 1 million dollars.

After a long time, the rich man came back from his trip. He called his servants together and asked them what they did with his money.

The first servant said, "I put the money to good use, and made 5 million dollars more. Here is your 10 million dollars!"

The rich man was very happy with this servant.

The second servant said, "I put the money to good use too, and made 2 million dollars more. Here is your 4 million dollars!"

The rich man was very happy with the second servant too!

Then the rich man asked the third servant, "and what did you do with the money I gave you to take care of?"

The third servant answered, "I thought you were a mean man, and I would get in trouble if I did the wrong thing, so I just put the money in a safe place until you got back. That way nothing could happen to it." The servant gave the 1 million dollars back to the rich man.

The rich man was not very happy! "You lazy servant!" You should have at least put it in the bank so I could earn interest from it!

Then the rich man took the 1 million dollars and gave it to the person with the 10 million dollars. Then he sent the third servant away.

Explain the Story

You may need to explain what this story means to the kids. Apply it to a practical situation they can relate to. We used the illustration of doing your best at school. If you study hard, do your homework, and listen in class, then you pass the test! Then you move on to the next grade.