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## Don't Hide Your Talents!

1 Thessalonians 5 1-11 Matthew 25 14-30

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!"

**Matthew 25 v21** (New International Version)

Today's gospel is another of Jesus's parables. A wealthy man went on a journey, before he left he entrusted his wealth to 3 of his servants. To one servant he gave 5 bags of money, to another he gave 3 bags and to the last he gave 1 bag. While he was away the first two servants worked hard using the money and made more money for their master. By the time the man came home they had both doubled the amount of money. Their master was delighted and rewarded them. But the third one had taken away his money and had buried it in the ground. He returned the same amount as he had been given. His master was angry and punished him. This story is rather confusing, it seems that Jesus is saying that the rich will be rewarded. However the money represents our abilities, our talents, and how we should use them to do good. In fact this parable is often called The Parable of the Talents. At that time a talent was an amount of money. Because of this parable, over time, we have come to use the word talent to mean the skills we are especially good at.

## The Activities

Spot the talents!



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How can you use your talents to help other people? Draw or write it on the money bag.

