

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)

Lesson#73

Date:

SUBJECT: The Diligent Servants and the Lazy Servant (Parable of the Talents)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:14-30

AIM: To encourage the children to use their abilities for the Lord.

MEMORY VERSES: 2 Peter 3:14b or Hebrews 11:6

2 Peter 3:14b "...be diligent to be found by Him in peace without spot and without blemish."

Hebrews 11:6b "...that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"

REVIEW: Who remember what a parable is? Yes! It's a story! What kind of a story? – A story the Lord Jesus told His disciples to teach them a lesson. You just heard about the unforgiving servant. We'll be hearing about servants today also. Even though these are stories, they could be and are true because they are things that can happen to people in real life.

CONTENT: Today we will hear another parable the Lord Jesus told. The Lord Jesus told His disciples that the kingdom of heaven (His Kingdom) is like a man who went to a far country. Before he left he called his servants and gave them his property. To one servant he gave five talents (money), to another two talents and to another one talent. Then the man went away.

Well, the man who got the five talents worked hard and with the five talents he got from his master he earned five more talents. The man who got two worked hard and got another two. The man who got one talent didn't do anything with the talent. He didn't put it in use. He just dug a hole in the ground and hid the talent he got from his master!

A long, long time passed and the man, the master, came back from his trip. He called his servants and wanted to know how each one did with the money he got. Then the servant who got five talents said, "Lord, you gave me five talents, look I earned five more." The master was very happy. He said, "Well done. You're a good and faithful servant. Because you took care of these few things well, I'll let you take care of many things.

The man who got two talents told the master, "Look, I got two more talents beside the two you gave me." The master was happy with him too. He told him the same thing he told the other man.

Now the man who got one talent came and told the master, "Lord, I know you are a strict man I was afraid (probably afraid something would happen to the one talent), so I hid it in the earth. Here, you can have it back what you gave me." Well, the master was not happy! He called the servant, "You wicked (that is very bad) and slothful (lazy) servant. You should at least put the money in the bank so I could get it back with interest. (Briefly explain what happens when you put money in the bank). Then the man took the money away from the servant and gave it to the servant who had ten talents and he put the lazy servant in a dark place. It was not a nice place and the servant cried a lot.

APPLICATION:

Let's see – what kind of lesson can we learn from this story? The master is the Lord Jesus. We are all His servants. He left us on this earth to take care of things for Him. He gave each of us

talents (things we can do well) – like maybe you can sing well – then He wants you to sing for Him. Maybe you have a nice smile – then He wants you to be friendly to bring other children to children’s meeting. Maybe you’re good at helping – well He wants you to help Mommy and Daddy, teachers, the brothers and sisters in the church, etc. Maybe you can color well – you can make a picture for someone who is sick. Then when the Lord Jesus comes back, He will say, “Good job!” What the Lord Jesus does not want us to do is to say, “Oh well, I can only do one thing good and it isn’t something big or important so I just won’t bother doing anything! – The Lord Jesus does not want us to be lazy! He wants us to be diligent (that’s the opposite of lazy). Most people can only do one thing well and the Lord Jesus wants us to do that one thing for Him. If we’re lazy and say, “Why bother, then He’ll have to be unhappy with us. We don’t want the Lord Jesus to have to call us wicked and lazy. We want to use everything the Lord Jesus gives us to make Him happy. We can use our hearts, our minds, our hands, our feet, our eyes, and our voice for the Lord Jesus. Then when He comes back He can say – Good Job, _____.”(Fill in specific names) We will be the good and faithful servants.

CRAFT IDEA:

Make round circles resembling coins. Make a large circle to stand for 5 talents, a smaller circle for 2 talents and smallest for 1 talent. Maybe you can write the number 5, 2, and 1 on each one. Cut out plus signs and equal signs also the word diligence – 5 talents plus diligence = 10 talents, etc. For the one talent, put 1+ lazy = 1 or 0 (because the servant lost the talent)

SONGS: #175, # 176, #149, #11

175 GOD’S HELPERS

1. God wants us to be good helpers (3 x)
At home and with our friends.
2. God wants us to help our parents (3x)
And do the things we should.
3. God wants us to help our neighbors (3x)
By being kind and good.
4. God wants us to serve each other (3x)
To let His Word be known.

176 GOD USES HELPERS

God uses helpers at home and far away.
God uses helpers to serve Him ev’ry day.
I want to serve Him. I want to please Him.
I want to work with Him in His right way.

11 OH, BE CAREFUL!

1. Oh, be careful, little eyes,
What you see. (2x)

For the Father up above
Is looking down in love,
So be careful, little eyes,
What you see.

2. Oh, be careful, little ears, what you hear...
3. Oh, be careful, little tongue, what you say...
4. Oh, be careful, little hands, what you do...
5. Oh, be careful, little feet, where you go...
6. Oh, be careful, little heart, what you love...
7. Oh, be careful little mind, what you think...

149 SHAMGAR HAD AN OX GOAD

Shamgar had an ox goad,
David had a sling;
Dorcas had a needle,
Rahab had a string.
Samson had a jaw-bone,
Aaron had a rod;
Mary had some ointment,
But they all were used for God.