The Parable of the Talents  
(Lower Elementary)

November 15, 2020 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

In this week’s Gospel passage, Jesus tells the parable of a master who leaves each of his servants a different amount of money and judges them based on what they do with that money. In this week’s lesson students will contemplate how they can use and share the gifts God has given them.

Directions

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.

B. Have students complete the Living a Life of Stewardship activity.

C. When they are done, have students share their answers with the class.

D. Finally, have students complete the Sharing your Gifts and Talents drawing activity.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one.

2. The first two servants traded with their talents and made a profit, but the third servant dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

3. He said to the first two: “well done, you good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.”

4. He called him a “wicked, lazy servant”. He had the servant thrown into the darkness outside.