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 according to what they do with that money. In this week’s lesson, students will contemplate how they use the gifts God has given them. Do they share gifts with others, or do they keep them hidden for fear of losing what they have?

Directions

A. Have your students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions.

B. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the focus questions.

C. Have students complete the Living a Life of Stewardship activity and then share their answers with the class.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability.

2. The one who received five talents went and traded with them and made another five. The one who received two made another two. The man who received one dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.

3. “Well done, my 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 should have put the master’s money in the bank so that he could have gotten in back with interest on his return.

5. To the servant who had ten.

6. To everyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.