

**Lesson #1-29*****The Parable of the Talents***

Matthew 25:1-13 [or 25:14-30]

Key Verse:

“Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

Matthew 25:23

The Point:

We are to use our gifts for God's glory.

Unit Theme (March 6—April 7)

The Ways of the Kingdom

Then and Now

Decide if things are different or the same.

You will need:

- † Objects or photos representing: Bible, scroll, ancient coins, modern money, car, donkey, the Jerusalem temple, a church

Instructions:

- I have some things here that were different in Jesus' time.**
 - Show the scroll. **What this is? This is a scroll. This is where they wrote down God's word. What do we call that today?** [*A Bible.*] Show the Bible.
 - Show the ancient coins. **Look at these coins. Do they look like ours?** Compare with modern money.
 - Show the car. **Did people have cars in Jesus' time?** [*No.*] **How did they get around?** Show the donkey.
 - Finally, what building are we in?** [*A*
- church.] Jesus and his disciples worshipped in a temple.** Show the picture. **It was like a church, but it was used differently.**
- We live differently than Jesus did.** Sometimes that can make it hard to understand some of the stories in the Bible. So, we have to ask questions and learn about what life was like back then.
- There are some ways we are very much like the people in the Bible, though. Can you think of any ways we are alike?** [*We have families, God loves us, we eat and sleep, we pray and worship God.*]
- So in some ways we are different from the people that lived long ago and, in some ways, we are the same. But we know that God loved them and God loves us. That is a promise that is in the Bible that we can be sure of!**