

Lesson #1-26

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 (February 22—March 26)

The Ways of the Kingdom

PENNY GIVEAWAY

Play a game about sharing your gifts.

You will need:

- † Pennies
- † Optional: snack bags or cups

Preparation:

1. You may wish to count out ten pennies for each participant in advance, and put them in small snack bags or cups.

Instructions:

1. **We are going to play a game about giving things away. We are going to practice giving things away using these pennies.**

2. **Each of you has been given ten pennies. You will have two minutes to give away your pennies, but here is the challenge: you can only give away one penny per person, but then you must take two pennies from the other person.**
3. Allow participants to play multiple rounds.
4. **What happened when you tried to give away your pennies? [We ended up with more.] The same thing happens when we share the gifts and talents God has given us. We think we are giving things away, but God is really blessing us by giving us more and more.**