

CHURCH@HOME

Memory Verse:

“His Master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

Matthew 25:21,23

Read: Matthew 25:14-30

Reflect: When Jesus used parables, He expected His listeners to identify themselves with one person in the story. Who do you identify with? Who are you intended to identify with? What insights/breakthroughs do you have when you consider yourself as that person? What insights or problems do you get when you identify the master with God or Jesus?

Discuss: "Talents" in this passage literally means money. Yet in English the work also means abilities. Jesus intended the story to be a figurative reference to our abilities and resources. What does it mean to invest your "talents"? Share some ways you do; share some ways you could.

Activity: Set aside a sum of money (\$20?, \$100?) and designate it as your "talent." Literally invest in some creative way where there will be an increase (interest) in blessing or impact.

Prayer: Pray for God to work generosity in your heart and life.

For Kids

God has blessed us all with different abilities and interests! Discuss with your kids over dinner what they think they are able to do best. What is a skill that they would like to improve upon? Share your own talents and abilities. How can they (and you) be faithful servants of God with these talents? Pray together and leave a time of silence so everyone can have an opportunity to listen for God’s voice and direction.