A STORY JESUS TOLD

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Matthew 25:14–30

1 Once there was a rich master who was going away on a long journey.



2 He gave each servant gold coins called **talents**, each one according to his ability.



3 To the second servant he gave two talents.



4 And to the third servant he gave one talent. Then the master went on his trip.



WHILE THE MASTER WAS AWAY...

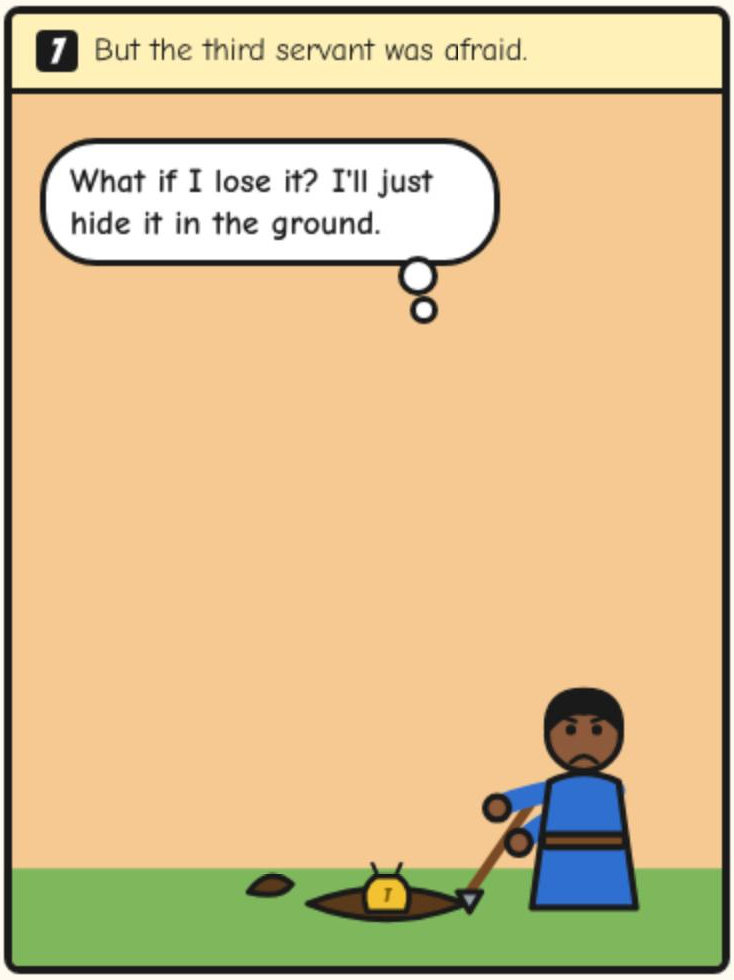
5 The first servant went straight to work. He traded at the market, and soon he had five more talents!



6 The second servant worked hard too. His two talents became four!



7 But the third servant was afraid.



8 After a long time, the master came home.



THE MASTER COMES HOME

9 The first servant came with ten talents.

Master, you gave me five. Here are five more!

Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share my joy!



10 The second servant came with four talents.

You gave me two. Here are two more!

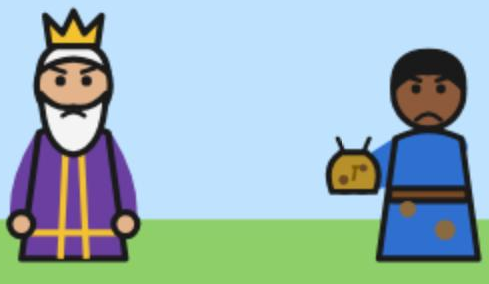
Well done! You were faithful with a little, so I will trust you with much more!



11 Then the third servant came...

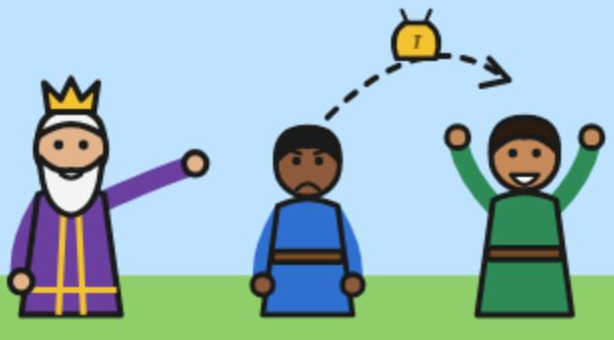
I was afraid, so I hid your talent in the ground. Here it is.

You didn't even try! You could have put it in the bank.



12 The master gave that talent to the servant who had ten.

Whoever uses what God gives will be given even more.



WHAT DOES THIS STORY MEAN FOR US?

GOD GIVES EVERY ONE OF US GIFTS

In the story, the **master** is like **God**, and the **talents** are like the gifts He gives us: our abilities, our time and our love. Everyone gets something different, and every gift matters!













THE BIG LESSON

God doesn't ask us to have MORE than others. He asks us to USE what He gave us, without being afraid.

The third servant wasn't punished for having less. He hid his gift because he was afraid to try. When we share our gifts, they grow!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think the third servant hid his talent?
2. What talent or gift has God given you?
3. How can you use your gift to help someone this week?

DRAW YOUR TALENT HERE!

Draw yourself using the gift God gave you.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Matthew 25:21