

## LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hi everyone. We hope you are enjoying this nice warm weather and hopefully meeting up with some of your friends outdoors now that Lockdown is starting to ease! All the Kids Church leaders really miss seeing your happy faces on a Sunday morning and doing our fun Kids Church programme.

This sunny weather makes me think of School Sports Day and all the different races and events that happen. When my 3 boys were at Primary School there were all different types of races and challenges: there were short fast races, longer distance races, 'egg' & spoon races, obstacle course races, relay race, tug-of-war, etc. For some you needed to be fast or strong or have good balance or have stamina or be flexible or be a team player etc. Different people were better at some events than others. Today we are looking at Jesus' parable of the talents where a man gives different talents to his servants, according to their ability, and then returns later on to see what they have done with them. God has made us all different and wants you to use the talents he has given you to the best of your ability!

Enjoy the rest of Kids Church and keep sending in your photos of your craft – we love seeing how creative you all are. From,

Ruth, John, Lois, Ben, Katie, Nikki, Mark, Abigail and Judith!

### Challenge:

"To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, each according to his ability."  
Matthew 25:15 (NIV – because we know you love to add that in!)

We are going to learn how God gives us our own talents and abilities through this parable, why don't you memorise this verse to teach you about what God has given to you!

### Sing-A-Long:

Here is a little song to sing and dance along to, we hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lijsESdEnZg>

### Bible Story:

For the month of May, we are going to learn about parables in the bible. We are looking at the Parable of The Talents which can be found in Matthew 25:14-30. Read the story and watch the video below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9KenUeRxhM>

In this story, God is the master and we are his servants. The master in this story gave his servants talents to look after. Two servants took the talents and invested in them but one buried the treasure in the ground until the master returned. As a result the two that

invested their treasure were able to grow what they had been given but the one who buried their treasure couldn't. This parable reminds us that we each have different talents and gifts from God! We shouldn't bury our talent, we should learn what they are so that we can develop them and bring glory to God. I found this story about talents and thought I would share it with you:

"You all know what a frisbee is, but pretend for a moment that you do not know what it is and that you have never seen one before. You might think it was a dinner plate... or a hat... or perhaps a tool for digging in the sand. It could be just about anything, but it isn't. It is a Frisbee and the person who created the Frisbee created it for a purpose. The purpose of a Frisbee is to fly!

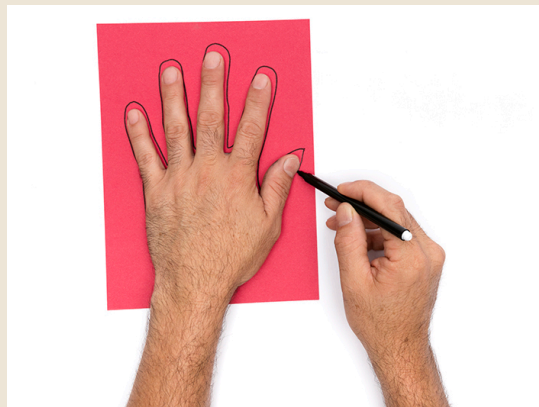
The Frisbee isn't very impressive to look at, is it? In a world full of high-tech electronic toys, it is pretty low on the totem pole. But boy, can it fly!

Sometimes you and I may look at the talents that God has given to others and think that God hasn't given us very much talent. We might be tempted to hide our talent. But when we use our God-given talent to be all that God intended for us to be... boy, can we fly!"

#### **Craft:**

The craft today will help you to focus on the talents that you have been given by God. Why don't you put your creation in your bible or somewhere that you will see it often to remind you of this story!

What you will need: Paper, colouring pens or pencils and some scissors.



1. Place your hand on a piece of A4 paper and trace your hand.
2. Take some time to think of the talents that God has given you! Once you have done this, write them on your hand. You could even draw something that represents your talents.
3. Cut out your hand and place it in your bible or put it somewhere that you will see to remind you to use your talents for God!
4. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to [steven@railwaystreet.org](mailto:steven@railwaystreet.org)

**Worksheet:**

Now is your chance to recreate this parable in the comic strip below, make sure you draw and add a sentence below!

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### **Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for each talent and gift that you have given us. We pray that we don't compare ourselves to other people and that we use our talents to bring you glory.

For your glory and our good, Amen.

### **The End:**

Thank you for joining with us for another week. We really hope you have enjoyed this week's resource! Keep sending us in your crafts and remember that we are praying for you!

Until next week,

Ruth, John, Lois, Ben, Katie, Nikki, Mark, Abigail and Judith!

### **Other Resources:**

The Bible Project are sending out weekly family encouragements: <https://bibleproject.com>

Illustrated Ministry have lots of Free resources that can be used as well:  
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>

Railway Street Presbyterian Church: <http://www.facebook.com/RailwayStreetPC>

Hope for Youth Ministries are doing assemblies on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:  
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforyouthministries/>

She Reads Truth have a Kids Read Truth section with a free digital download, 'Kids Read Matthew.' This is a daily scripture and activity book, follow the link below to download:  
<https://shereadstruth.com/downloads/>

Made for More have an Encounters with Jesus booklet which can be requested from  
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