

**Sunday, September 24, 2017: Parable of the Talents (16th Sunday after Pentecost)**

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Lesson: Your gifts/what you're good at.

- God has blessed each of us with gifts or talents, things we are good at.
- Usually people think of talents as only things like singing, dancing, being good at sports, but it's more than that. Being joyful is a gift. Listening well is a gift. Being a good friend is a gift. Helping your parents with chores is a gift.
- It isn't enough that we just have these gifts. God gives us gifts and talents so we can share them with others, with our siblings, parents, grandparents, friends, strangers.

Craft: Gifts Worksheet: What are some gifts God has given you?

- Materials: coloured construction paper, printed out Gifts Worksheets, scissors, glue sticks, coloured pencils/crayons/markers
- How To: On the construction paper, write down some gifts that God has given you. Cut out the gifts and glue them onto the Gifts Worksheet. Remember that your gifts were given to share!

What We Learned: We learned that God has given each of us gifts that make us unique. Just like the tenants in today's Gospel parable, God asks us to share our gifts with others. We filled in these Gifts Worksheets to remind us of our gifts and to share them.

End of Class: Hand out "Car Qs" to children, and "Cheat Sheet" to parents.

# My Gifts from God: Given to Share!



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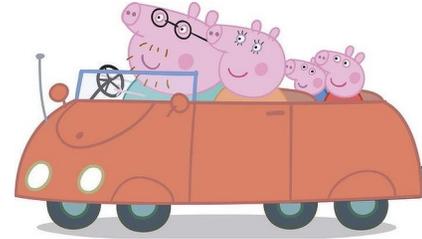
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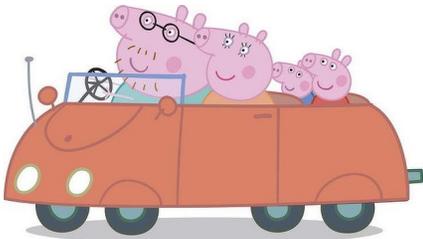
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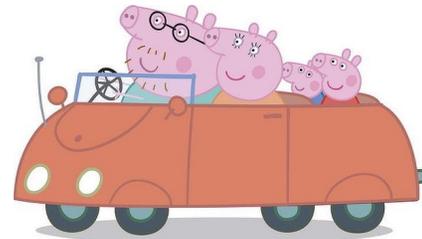
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Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs  
Sept. 24/17, Parable of the Talents

Today we talked about the Parable of the Talents. In Matthew's Gospel (Matt. 25:14-30), Jesus tells the story of a master who gives 3 of his men sums of coins/talents (a talent is a large sum of money used during the time period the Gospels were written) according to their ability, 5000, 2000, and 1000. The two men with the larger sums go out and bring forth double what they received. The third man does the opposite; he buries his talent and gives his master back what he received. The master praises the first two men and rebukes the third man. We understand this Gospel to mean that those things God gives us are meant to be shared with others. This can mean monetary gifts, but also gifts of ability, talent, and personality. Really, anything that can be used for the glory of God is a gift.

1. What gifts did God give you?
  1. Talk about talents, ability, and personality. Encourage your children to think outside the box (i.e. I'm really good at being kind to my siblings or I'm a really good listener and friend)
2. Are those gifts the same/different than others in your family?
  1. Some gifts may very well be the same, but there are also gifts that are specific to each person. Check out what St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.
3. Name 3 ways you can use your gifts to help your family.
  1. Can you listen better to those around you? Can you help with chores around the house? Are you able to comfort a sibling or parent when they're sad? These are good questions to ask your children and help them realize that simple, everyday things can be gifts that glorify God.