LESSON 12

The Talents



Aim: **To teach the children how we can be ready for Jesus' return.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 25:14-30**

Memory Verse: **Matthew 25:21**
"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful … Come and share your master's happiness!"

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Ask the children what they are good at and what they most like to do. Give them time to respond. Tell them what you like to do.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. One day, Jesus told a story about a man who gave his servants something to do before he left on a journey. **Tell the events in 25:14-15 in your own words, how the money was shared out.** In those days, there was no paper money, only coins. A talent was a coin that was worth a fair sum.
2. **Tell how the first servant used the money that was entrusted to him and made twice as much (25:16).** Perhaps he began a small business in his neighbourhood.
3. **Repeat this with the second servant (25:17).**
4. The third servant buried the money. He did not put it to good use (25:18).
5. The master returned after a long time. He was pleased with the first two servants and rewarded them (25:19-23).
6. The third servant returned the same amount he had been given and gave his excuses for not putting it to use (25:24-25). **Show Picture 12.** The master was angry with the lazy servant who did nothing with what he had been given. That servant lost the little he had to start with, too (25:26-28).

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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Explain that Jesus is like the master in the story and we are the servants. While he has gone back to heaven he has left us work to do and abilities to do it with. We do not receive money as in the parable. Every one of us has gifts or talents God has given us. We must put these talents to good use.

Let's think of the things you mentioned at the beginning of the lesson when I asked you what you're good at. **Name some of the things to refresh the class's memories.** How can you use these talents for the glory of the Lord Jesus?

Examples
Singing: We can sing songs about Jesus to teach others about him.
Telling stories: We can tell our family and friends the stories we hear about Jesus in Sunday school.

We do not need to wait until we are adults to work for Jesus. We can start now and keep up the good work until he comes again!



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