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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



## Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.



Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

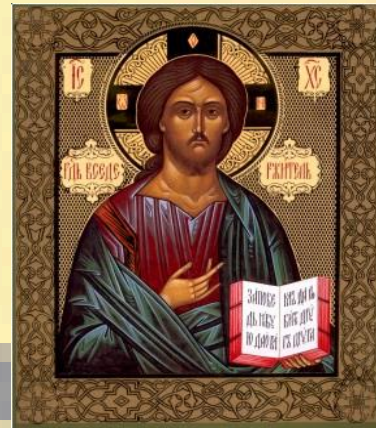
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



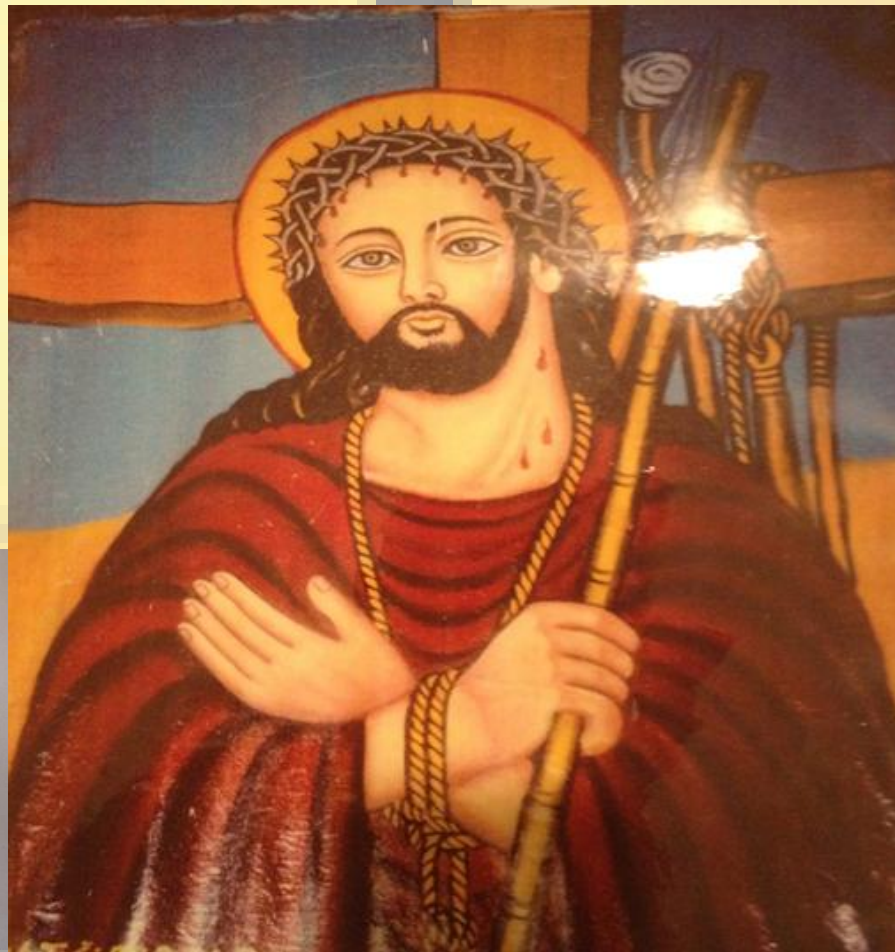
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



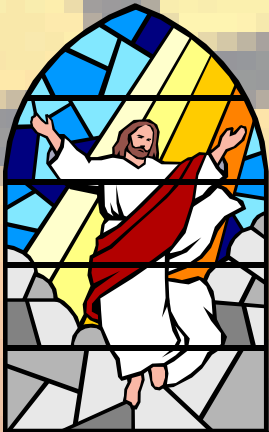
# MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me  
last week's  
memory verse???**



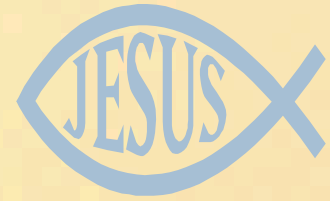
# Recite Last week's memory verse

**“Father, I have sinned against heaven  
and in your sight”  
(Luke 15:21)**



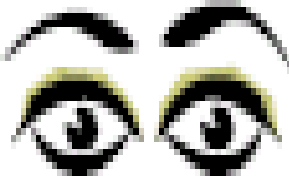




# Review

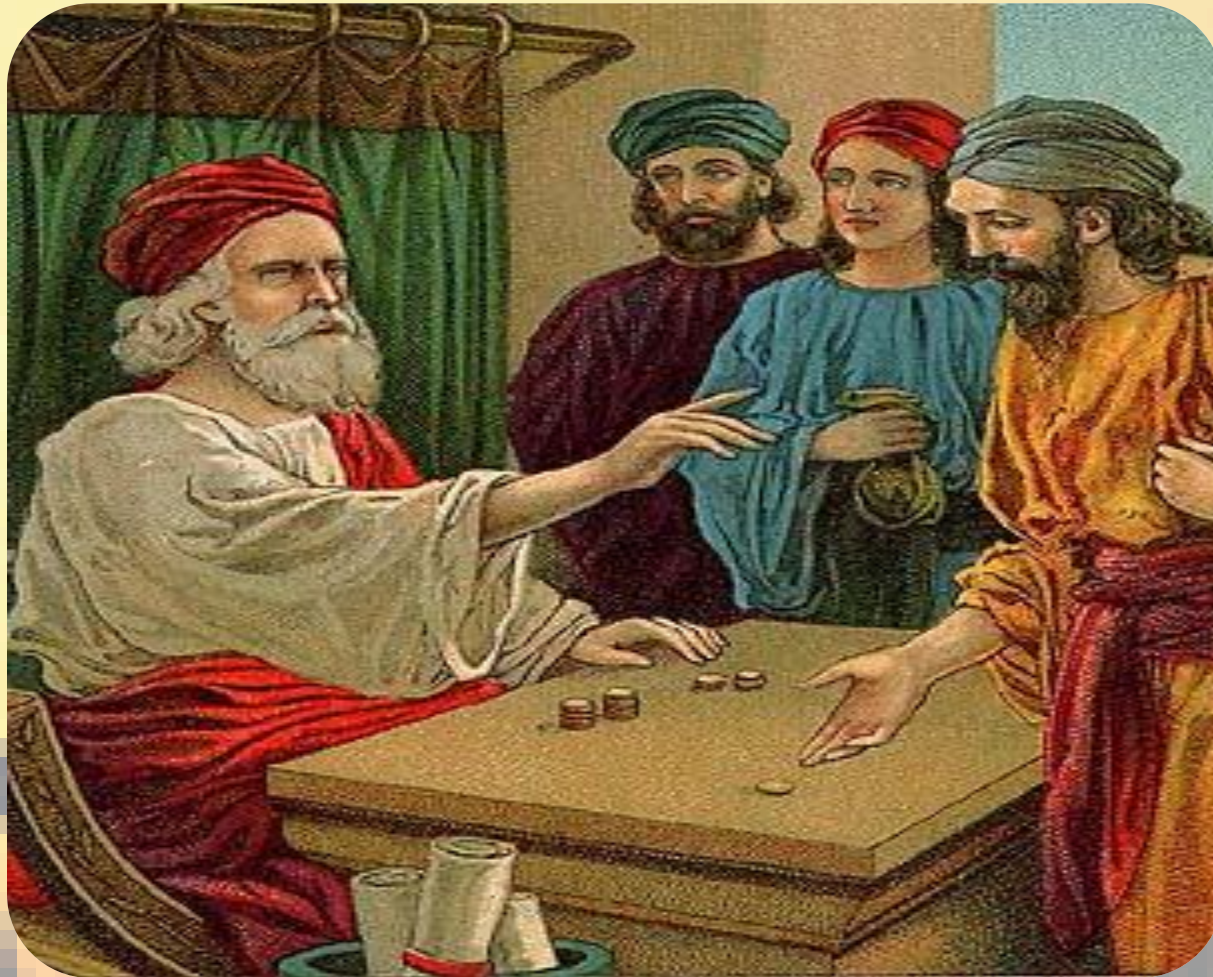


1. What did the youngest son ask of his father?
  - Give me my portion or my half.
2. What job did the son do after loosing all his money?
  - a pig farmer hired him to watch over his pigs
3. What food looked good to him?
  - the pig food looked good to him.
4. What did he finally decide to do?
  - to go back to his father and beg him to forgive him.
5. What did the father do when he saw his son?
  - He ran to meet his son, threw his arms around him.
6. What did the father do after he forgave him?
  - He put the best robe on his son and a ring on his finger. He also prepared a feast (a huge party)

# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# The Parable of Talents



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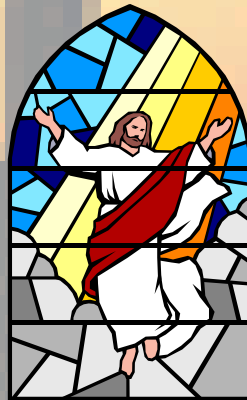
# Memorize today's Verse

**“Well done good and faithful servant”.**

**(Matthew 25:23)**



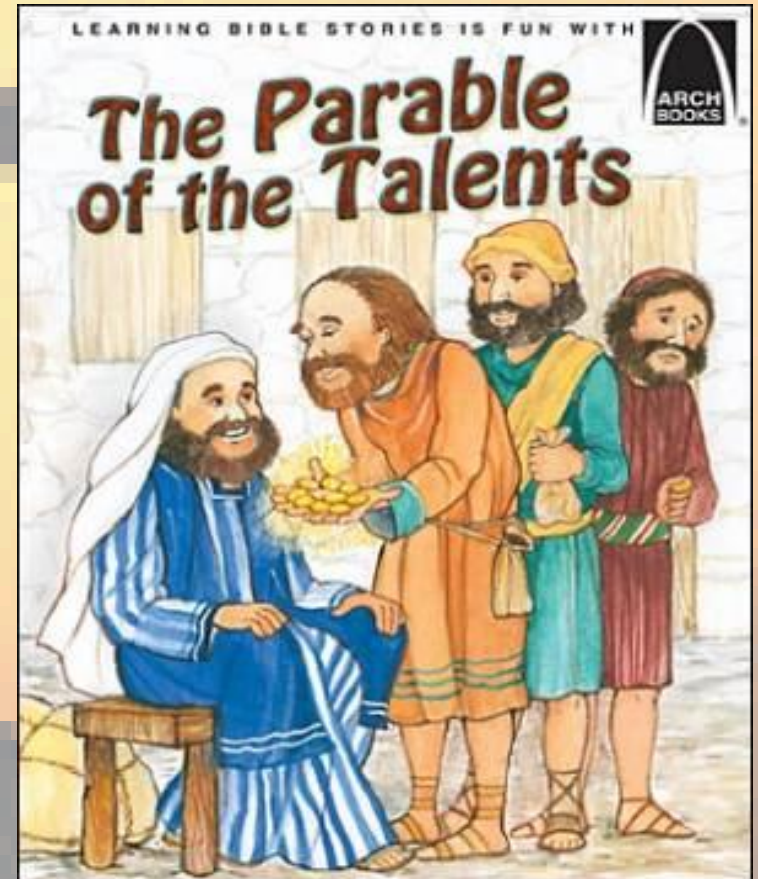
**Practice this verse  
again during the  
week.**





# Parable = Story

- Jesus Christ told the people stories to help them understand the word of God.
- He told them a story of a **master** and **3 servants**.



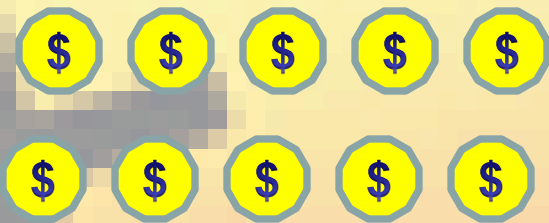
# The Master gave Talents

- The master gave talents = type of money to each servant
  - Servant # 1 = 5 talents 
  - Servant # 2 = 2 talents 
  - Servant # 3 = 1 talent 
- The master left on a long journey far away.

# What did the servants do with the Talents?

- **Servant # 1**

- Used his 5 talents wisely and worked and got 5 more talents
- $5 + 5 = 10$  talents



# What did the servants do with the Talents?

- **Servant # 2**

- He was also wise and with his 2 talents he worked and got 2 more talents
- $2 + 2 = 4$  talents





# What did the servants do with the Talents?

- **Servant # 3**

- Hid the money in the ground
- He gained nothing
- $1 + 0 = 1$  talent




# The Master Came Back

- Each servant came to the master and showed him what they did with the talents.

- **Servant # 1:**  10 gold coins

- $5 + 5 = 10$  talents

- **Servant # 2:**  4 gold coins

- $2 + 2 = 4$  talents

- **Servant # 3:**  1 gold coin

- He went and dug out the 1 talent !

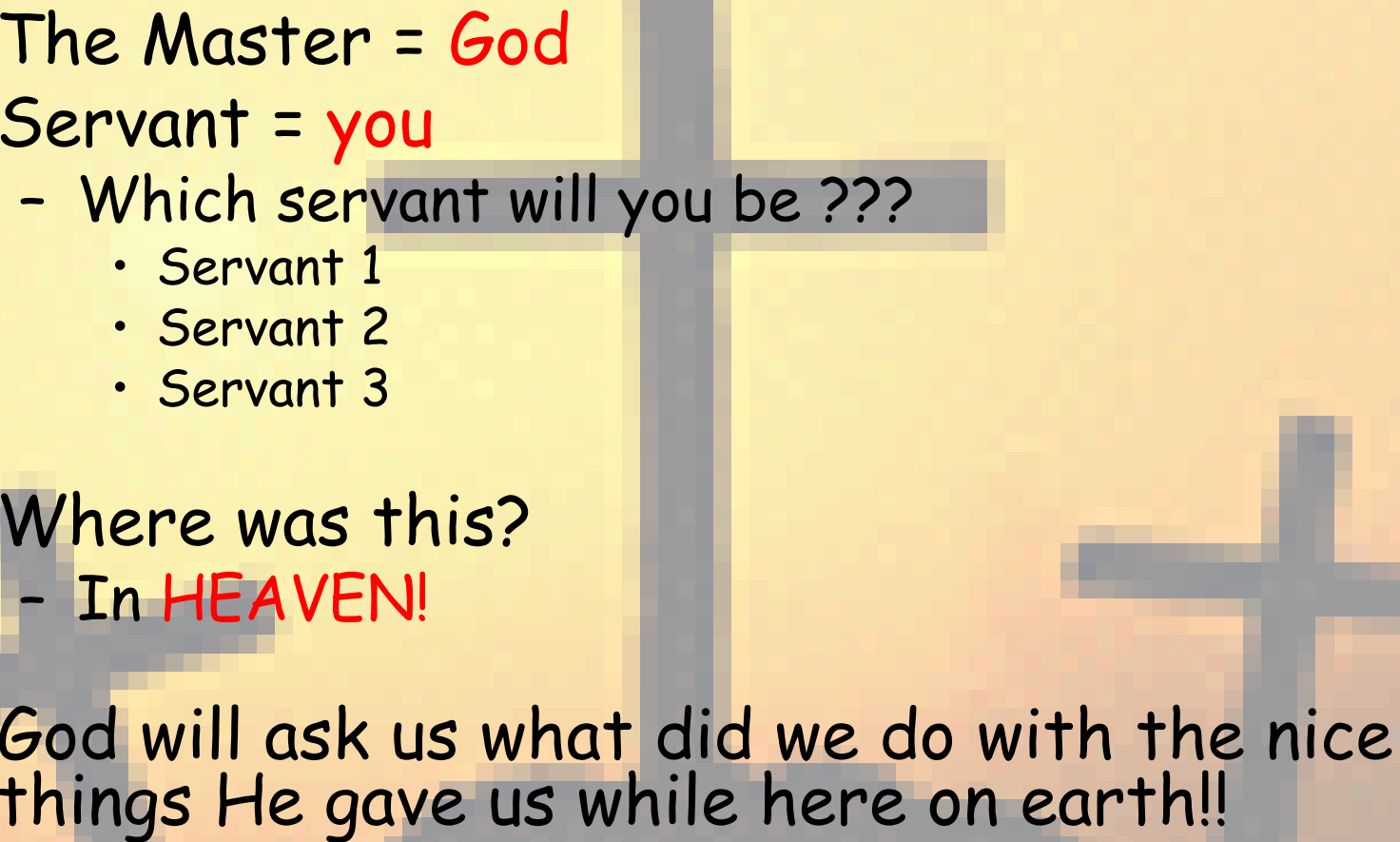
# The Master Said ...

- Well done good and faithful servant 1!
- Well done good and faithful servant 2!
- Servant 3:
  - The master was very upset!
  - You took the talent I gave you and hid it in the ground!
  - I will take it away from you and give it to servant 1 so that he may profit (gain) from it.





# What does this story mean??

- The Master = **God**
  - Servant = **you**
    - Which servant will you be ???
      - Servant 1
      - Servant 2
      - Servant 3
  - Where was this?
    - In **HEAVEN!**
  - God will ask us what did we do with the nice things He gave us while here on earth!!
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# For Example :

- He will ask Joy:
  - "What did you do with your **beautiful voice**?"
  - "Did you sing hymns or songs in the church?"
- He will ask:
  - "What did you do with your **strong muscles**?"
  - "Did you help the weak?"
- He will ask you for every gift he gave you!!

# What is your Gift? What did you do with it?

- God gave everyone a **gift** (talent) to use
  - Singing
  - Writing
  - Reading
  - Speaking
  - Giving
  - Serving
  - Teaching Sunday School. Helping out the teacher.
- We have to use our gifts to **help others** and show our **love for God**.
- If you hid your talents and use it for evil - God will take them away and give them to someone else.



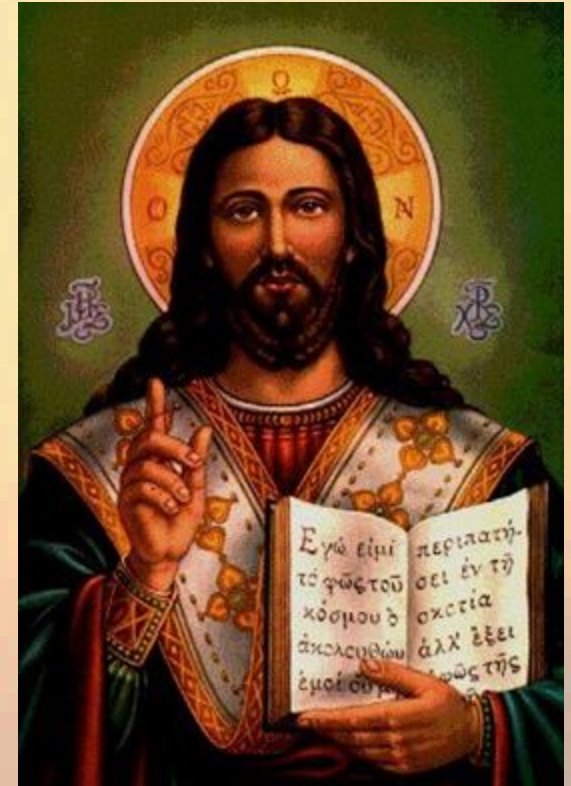
We want to Hear Our Lord and savior  
Jesus Say to Us ....





# Ask and You Shall Receive

- The Lord said to **ask** and you shall receive!
- **He has everything** we can ever want!!
  - If you don't have love for your brother or sister
    - Ask the Lord to give you love
  - **If you don't have courage**
    - **Ask the Lord to give you strength**
- He is the giver and taker of all talents!
- **He LOVES YOU!!**
- So just Ask !!!



# Conclusion

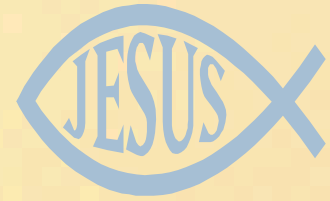
- This parable of Jesus teaches you to use the talent that God has given you. And you do have some things that you can do really well.
- Make a list of the things you do well. Use those talents for God. You may discover that He has given you a new talent; one that you didn't even suspect that you had. Then find a way to use that talent for Him!
- Our Lord Jesus Christ will reward us if we use our God's given talents properly.

# Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



# Pop Quiz



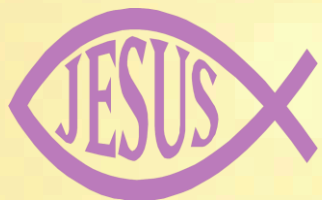
- 1. Why did the master call his servants to him?**
  - *He was leaving and wanted to give them some money to keep for him.*
- 2. What did he give the first servant? The 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup>?**
  - *first 5 talents, the second 2 talents and 1 for the 3rd*
- 3. What did the first servant do with his money?**
  - *He gained 5 more.*
- 4. What did the second servant do with his money?**
  - *He gained 2 more.*
- 5. What did the third servant do with his money?**
  - *He buried his talent in the ground.*
- 6. Which servants pleased the master?**
  - *The first and the second who had doubled the money.*
- 7. Why was the master displeased with the last servant?**
  - *Because he had not used his talent*



The End

# Next Week

We will learn about Pentecost.







May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)







We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know  
the truth, and the  
truth shall make you  
free.” John 8:32*



Any question?

Close with prayer.

