

4th and 5th Grade

WEEK 2 - STARTER



Activity Name: Guess the Talent

What You Need:

- ☐ Index cards; writing supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid an index card.
- Instruct them to write down three “talents” or skills. Two must be true, and one must be a fake. (e.g., 1. I can speak a little Spanish. 2. I can juggle three tennis balls. 3. I can bake awesome chocolate chip cookies.)
- One at a time, invite each kid to read their three talents aloud.
- The rest of the group will discuss and vote on which talent they think is not true.
- The kid will then reveal the truth.

What You Say:

That was fun! I learned something new about each of you! It’s cool to hear about the real talents you all have. God has given every single one of us unique gifts and abilities. In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story or parable about what we’re supposed to do with the things God has given us. Let’s go learn more!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: The Parable of the Bags of Gold • *Matthew 25:14-30 NIV*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you use what He has given you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.* • *Romans 14:17 NIV*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **[Conversation Starter] What has God given you?**
- Why do you think the master in the Bible Story gave different amounts to each servant? Does that seem fair?
- What mattered more to the master—the amount of money the servants earned, or the fact that they were faithful with what they were given? Why?
- The third servant acted out of fear. What are some things that can make us afraid to use our talents or speak up for God or use the opportunities God has given us?
- How can trusting God help you take brave steps to use what He's given you?

Activity Name: Kingdom Challenge

What You Need:

- ☐ Kingdom Challenge Cards

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Invite each kid to draw one challenge card to take home.
- Ask kids to share what they chose with the group.
- Tell them this is their personal “investment” for the week—a way to use what God has given them.
- **Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.**

What You Say:

This week, your challenge is to be like the first two servants in the Bible Story—take what you have, and put it to work for God’s kingdom! Let’s pray that God will help us with our challenges.

Prayer:

God, thank You for giving us so many good gifts. Forgive us for the times when we’re afraid to use them, or we forget they’re from You. Help each of us with the challenge we’re taking home this week. Give us the courage to ‘invest’ our talents and our time for You so You can grow Your kingdom. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.