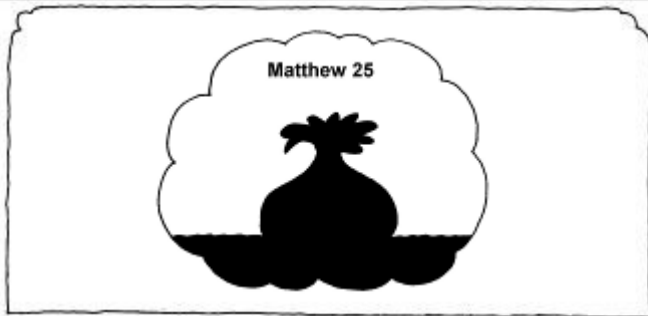


# TEN talents: Good worker

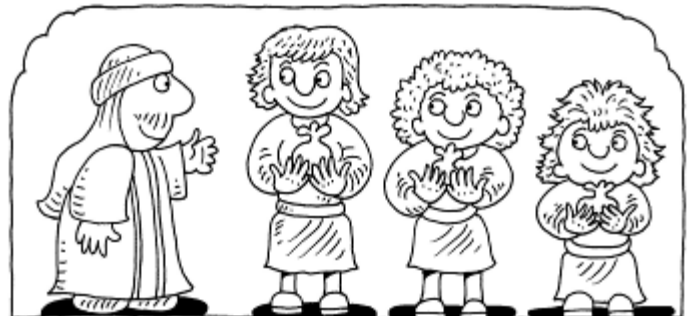
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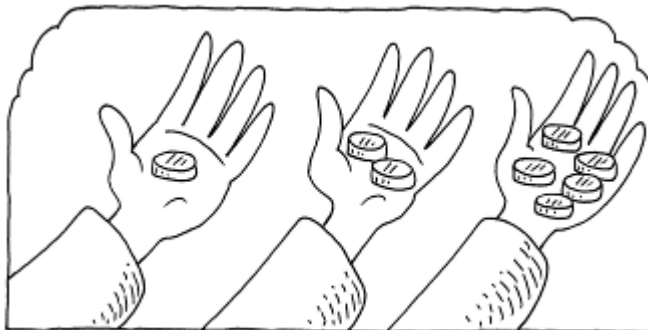
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Jesus told a story called the parable of the Ten talents. It is about using the gifts and resources we have wisely for God.



A boss who gave his workers some money to use for him while he was away. "Take this money to make more money for me," he said.



One man got one gold coin, another man, two gold coins and the best worker got five gold coins. "Use these well until I get back," said the boss.



The best worker, with five coins, bought and sold things with the money and made five more coins for his boss. The man with two coins also used them well.



But the lazy man, with one gold coin, dug a hole and buried it in the garden where it was no use to anyone and said, "I will leave it here until my boss comes back."



Their boss came back to see what they had done with his money. The man with five coins had made five more! The man with two coins had made two more!



"Well done," said the boss. "You are good workers. Now you can be the boss of others." The lazy man said, "I hid the gold coin because it isn't fair if you get money I work for."



"Even in the bank my money would grow," said the boss. "Go away. You are a lazy man." I want to do my best with what God has given to me. I want to hear Jesus to say, "Well done."