"Don't Bury Blessings... Use them for God

Bible Craft Ideas on Matthew 25:14-30, the Parable of the Talents



In this Gospel parable, Jesus describes the importance of investing, in a sense. The story of the workers and the talents reminds us that God gives us all that we have, and

expects us to use our gifts well. Whether monetary possessions or spiritual blessings, we want to use what we have to serve the Lord and help others. These crafts provide visual prompts for students to consider what it means to have and use treasures in positive ways.

Verses or Captions to Consider... (Main Text: Matthew 25:14-30)

For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. -Matthew 25:29

'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. -Matthew 25:23

Don't bury it...bless others with your talent!

Share; don't shovel it!

Offer your best to God.

Use it or lose it! Give talents back to God.

Bible Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

- You can watch a teaching demonstration of this <u>children's sermon</u> on our <u>YouTube</u>
- Don't miss the <u>Bible craft ideas</u> for this same passage
- See our full Sunday School lesson on Matthew 25:13-40
- Compare <u>Don't Bury Your Talent on Sermons4Kids</u>
- Compare the children's sermon on Matthew 25:14-30 on rfour.org



Craft one: "Use it Well Coin Pouch"

You will need:

- Construction paper or card stock
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- String, yarn, or pipe cleaner
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Paper Plates, paper bags, or cardboard
- Felt, cloth, or foam pieces

Procedure:

- Place two paper plates (or bags, or cardstock, etc.) together. Staple and snip off a top portion to create a "pouch."
- 2. Cut fabric or felt pieces, and carefully surround the plate "pouch" to decorate.
- 3. Glue or staple the fabric to the pouch.
- 4. Add a string or ribbon to hang as a decoration. Attach a verse or caption. Use the pouch for collecting coins, "blessings", or prayer requests.







Craft Two: "Save it Wisely Piggy Bank"

You will need:

- Tissue box, coffee can, or other empty container (shoeboxes work as well)
- Paper (construction) (optional)
- Stickers or other decorative materials
- Markers or crayons
- Glue and/or tape
- Yarn or pipe cleaners (optional)
- Scissors

Procedure:

1. Select a box or container to serve as your "bank"

2. Use wrapping paper or construction paper to surround the box, covering completely.

3. Cut a slit or hole in the top of the container.

4. Decorate with verses, stickers, or reminders of what you are to collect in the "bank." These could be prayer requests, coins, or other items.

5. Optional: attach a string or pipe cleaner to hang in a prominent spot.







Craft Three: "Don't Bury it Shovel"

You will need:

- Paper towel or toilet paper tube
- Paper (construction) (optional)
- Paper plate or cardstock
- Small pail, bucket, cup, or bag
- Decorative supplies (stickers, glitter, etc.)
- Crayons or markers
- String or ribbon (if desired to hang)



Procedure:

1. Cut a paper plate or cardstock into the shape of a shovel head. Decorate with verses or captions.

 Decorate a paper towel or toilet paper tube to be your shovel handle.
Add stickers or verses.

3. Decorate a cup, bag, or pail to go with your shovel. Inside the "bucket", place words that remind you of blessings God has given.



4. Attach the shovel to the shovel head. Use both items as decorative reminders to use what God has blessed you with for His glory and good purposes.





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