
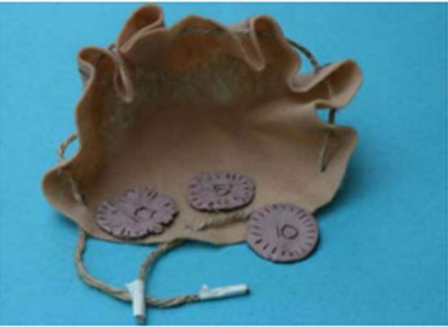
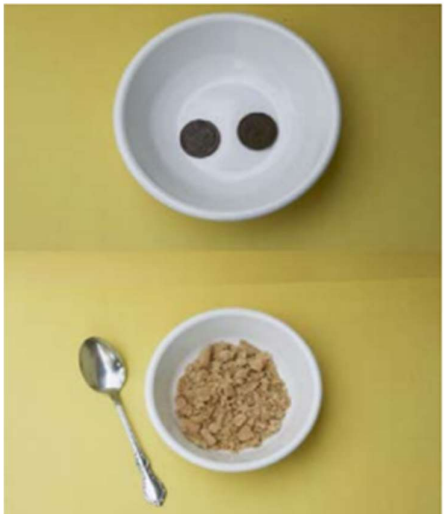


Saturday Mornings June – Gifts and talents

Activity	Equipment	Instructions	Discussion	Picture
<p>1. Talented people</p>	<p>Paper Pens</p>	<p>Write the word 'talents' vertically, leaving space between each letter. Each person in your house adds their talents to the poster</p>	<p>Talk about how we all have different abilities. It is more important to use them for God than to compare them with others. How can you use your special gift for others?</p>	
<p>2. Money bag and coins</p>	<p>Felt a hole punch wool large needle card scissors</p>	<p>Cut a circle out of the material. Punch holes around the edge of the material. Weave the wool through the holes, using a needle. Make three coins to go with the money bag from the card.</p>	<p>Talk about how God is generous and gives us things to watch over. It doesn't matter if you've been given one gift or ten gifts; what matters is that you use your gifts and share them with others so you don't lose them.</p>	

<p>3. Buried treasure</p>	<p>Biscuits chocolate coins Instant whip/dessert bowls spoons</p>	<p>Unwrap the chocolate coins and place them in your bowl. Spoon over your instant dessert Crumble the biscuits on top of the coins (sand). Use the spoon to dig up the coins and enjoy your snack.</p>	<p>Talk about how we sometimes bury our gifts inside and keep them hidden because we are afraid. When we unbury our gifts and invest ourselves in the world, we honour God.</p>	
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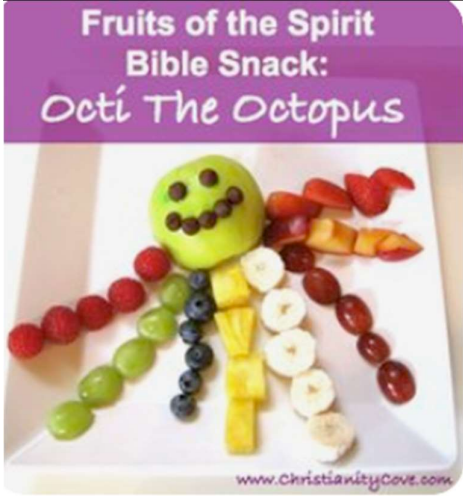
Bible Stories Part 1 - Matthew 25:14–30 (CEB) The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey. After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.' His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.' The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.' His master replied, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.' Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.' His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.' People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

Part 2 – Gifts of the Spirit Galatians 5:16-26

If you are guided by the Spirit, you won't obey your selfish desires. The Spirit and your desires are enemies of each other. They are always fighting each other and keeping you from doing what you feel you should. But if you obey the Spirit, the Law of Moses has no control over you. People's desires make them give in to immoral ways, filthy thoughts, and shameful deeds. They worship idols, practice witchcraft, hate others, and are hard to get along with. People become jealous, angry, and selfish. They not only argue and cause trouble, but they are envious. They get drunk, carry on at wild parties, and do other evil things as well. I told you before, and I am telling you again: No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God's kingdom.

God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways. And because we belong to Christ Jesus, we have killed our selfish feelings and desires. God's Spirit has given us life, and so we should follow the Spirit. But don't be conceited or make others jealous by claiming to be better than they are.

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<p>1. Growing God's gifts</p>	<p>a shallow dish a clean, dry tin/jar food colouring; bicarbonate of soda washing-up liquid vinegar a measuring cup spoon</p>	<p>Place the tin in the centre of the shallow dish. Fill the tin about ¾ full of water. Add 2 tbsp of bicarb, a few drops of washing-up liquid and food colouring. Slowly pour a little bit of vinegar into the jar and watch what happens.</p>	<p>Talk about how the vinegar is like a gift and, when you use it, it grows and grows. God has given each of us at least one special gift. When we use what we've been given, instead of hiding it away, we are given more.</p>	
<p>2. Fruits of the spirit hanger</p>	<p>10 Lolly sticks 5 Paper/address labels Glue Ribbon Colouring pens</p>	<p>Stick the lolly sticks together in 3 pairs with the paper/labels Turn over and stick the pairs together with 2 more labels Turn back over Write each of these words onto one of the lolly sticks each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit of the Spirit • Love • Joy • Peace • Patience • Kindness • Goodness • Faithfulness • Gentleness • Self-Control <p>Decorate around each word Add a hanging loop.</p>	<p>Talk about how God gave us special and amazing talents but we need to develop them and when you uncover it and use and practice them they will continue to grow.</p>	

<p>3. Octi Octopus</p>	<p>Apple Green grapes Red grapes Strawberries Blueberries Pineapple Banana Raspberries Peaches Chocolate chips</p>	<p>JOY - Take the green grapes and create one leg. PEACE - Take the red grapes and create one leg. PATIENCE - Take the strawberries and create one leg. KINDNESS - Take the blueberries and create one leg. GOODNESS - Take the pineapple and create one leg. FAITHFULNESS - Take the banana and create one leg. GENTLENESS - Take the raspberries and create one leg. SELF-CONTROL - Take the peaches and create one leg LOVE - Arrange the chocolate chips to make a face on the apple</p>	<p>Talk about how God wants us to not hold on tight to our gifts and talents but to share them with others. When we do this we are honouring God</p>	
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