

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Serving God and others with our gifts



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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “Parable of the talents: Serving God and others with our gifts”. This is the retelling of the parable of the talents in the book of Matthew. While explaining this story to your students, it is important to emphasize the following:

- God has given each one of us gifts, talents and abilities (1 Peter 4:10).
- God wants us to use our gifts, talents and abilities to serve Him and to serve others (1 Peter 4:10).
- God gave us these gifts and abilities according to what we can do (Romans 12:6-8)
- God rewards those who use their gifts faithfully (Matthew 25:29)

The bible references for this story are Matthew 25: 14 -30.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. “And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

(2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This section has the retelling of the parable of the talents. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the parable of the talents using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

3. Story starter cards

Each of these cards has a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the parable of the talents in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

4. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week. You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

5. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

6. Crossword puzzle
Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.
7. Maze
Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.
8. Word search
Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.
9. Word scramble
Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the word list.
10. Learn and colour
Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators. You know your child/children best; so, feel free to use language that is right for the age group you are teaching.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

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A title in the *Bible story teaching pack* by Godly Pearls

Bible References: Matthew 25: 14 -30

You can use this resource to:

- ❖ *Discuss the parable of the talents from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

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One day, Jesus told a story to teach people about using what God gives us. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country". The man called his servants and gave them the responsibility to take care of his things.

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The man gave each servant some talents, which were a kind of money.



He gave five talents to one servant,

two talents to another servant,

and one talent to the last servant.

He gave them based on what they were able to do. Then the man went on his journey.





The servant with five talents worked hard and doubled them, earning five more talents.



The servant with two talents also worked and earned two more talents.

But the servant with one talent was afraid. He dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.



After a long time, the master returned and asked his servants what they had done with the talents.

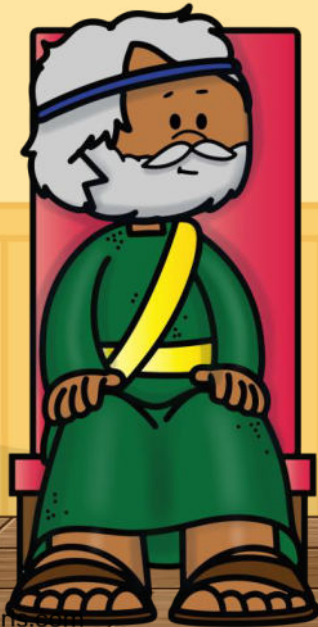
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The first servant said, “Master, you gave me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents”. The master was pleased and praised him, saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant...”.



The second servant also brought back double the talents, and the master praised him too.



But the servant who had hidden his talent said, "I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground".

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The master was upset and said, “You wicked and lazy servant... You should have deposited my money with the bankers, and when I returned, I would have received back my money with interest”.

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The master praised the servants who were faithful. He rewarded them by making them to be in charge of more things because they were faithful in the little things he gave them to do.

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But the lazy servant was punished,
and the talent was collected from him.

God has given
each of us good
gifts and ability
to do something
useful.



God wants us
to use the gifts
that He gave us
to serve Him
and others.



God wants us to be faithful with the gifts He has given us. This means we should always do our best to use our talents to help and serve others.

I will be faithful as I serve with my gifts.



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Why did the servants each get different number of talents?

Why did the servant with one talent hide his master's money?

How many more talents did the servant with five talents gain?

How did the master reward the servants who were faithful?

What did the master do to the servant who was unfaithful?

What two things did you learn from the parable of the talents?

1

A man...



2

The servant with...
The servant with...
But the servant...



3

After a long
time...



4

The servant with...
The servant with...
But the servant...



5

The man was...



6

But the man...



STORY STARTERS

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How can you be responsible at home?

1

How can you be responsible at school?

2

What are some of the skills, gifts and abilities that God has given you?

3

How can you use your skills, gifts and abilities to serve God and others?

4



I CAN MEMORIZE

For to everyone who has,
more will be given, and he
will have abundance; but
from him who does not
have, even what he has
will be taken away.

Matthew 25: 29

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I CAN PRAY

Dear God, thank You
for the gifts and abilities
you have given me.
Please help me to use
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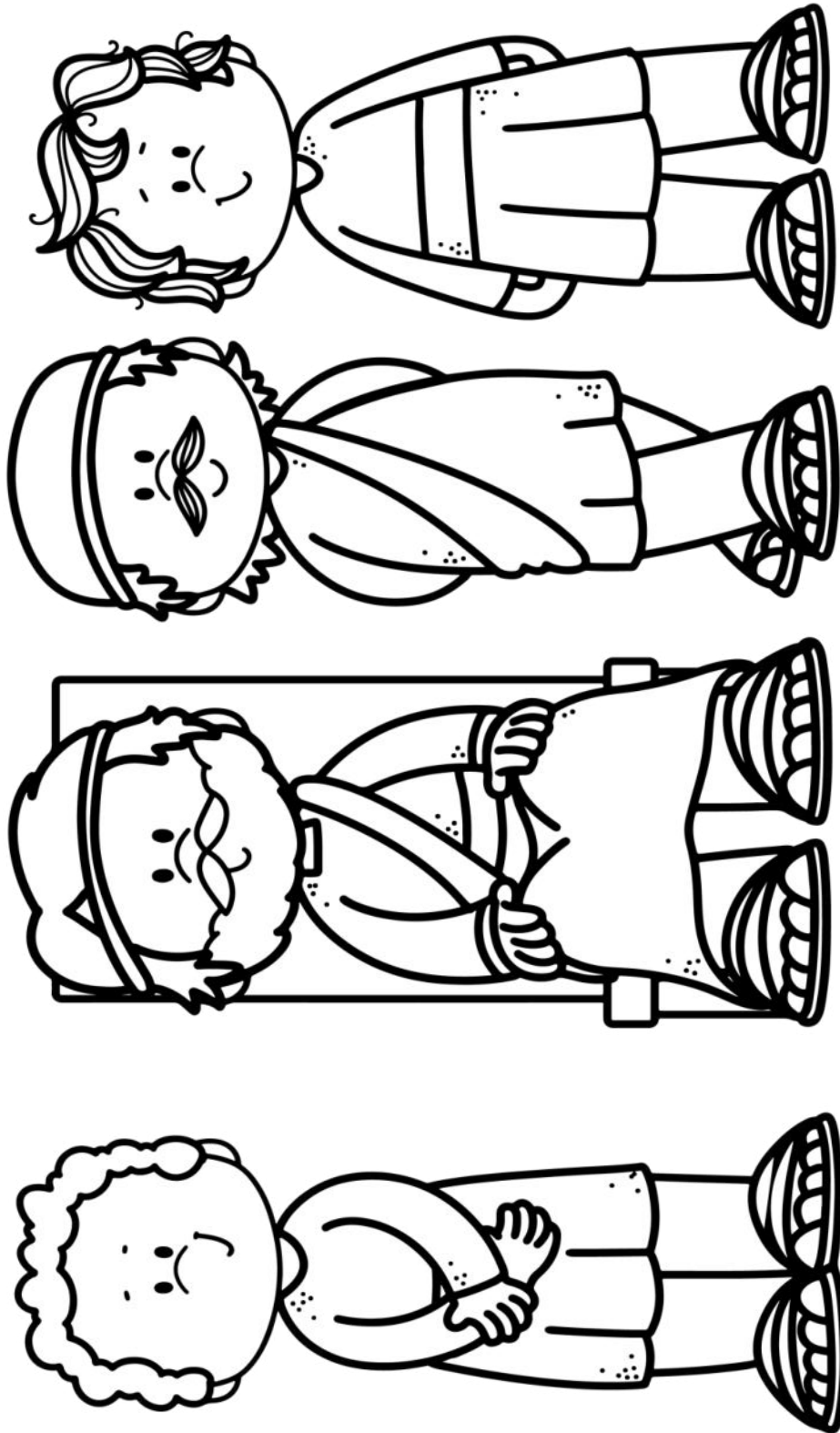


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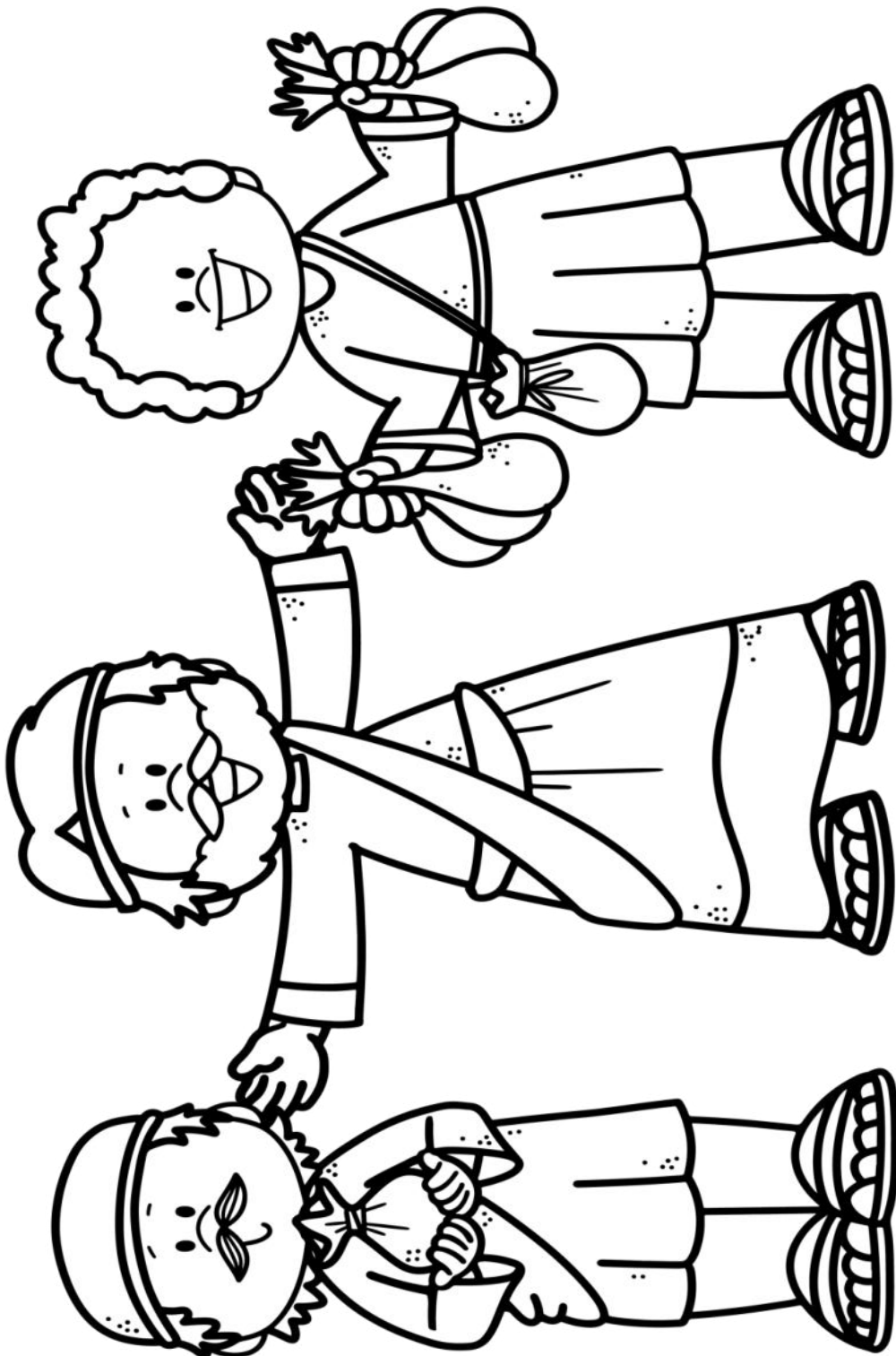
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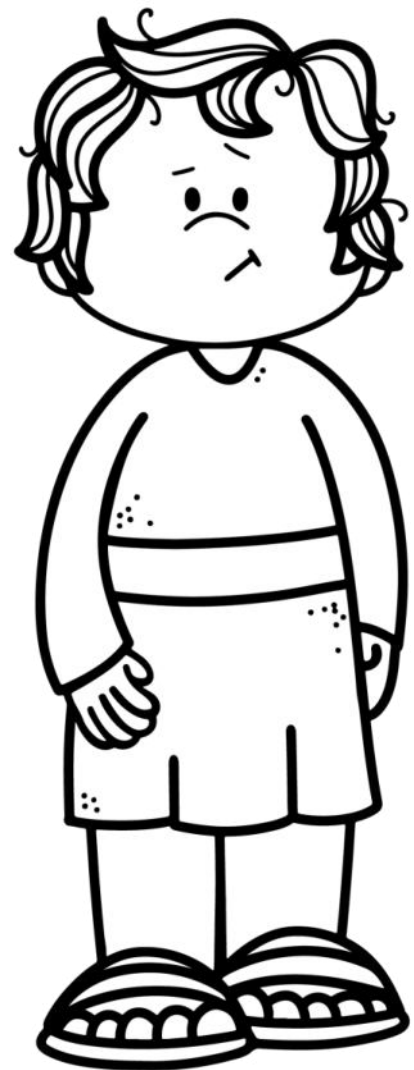
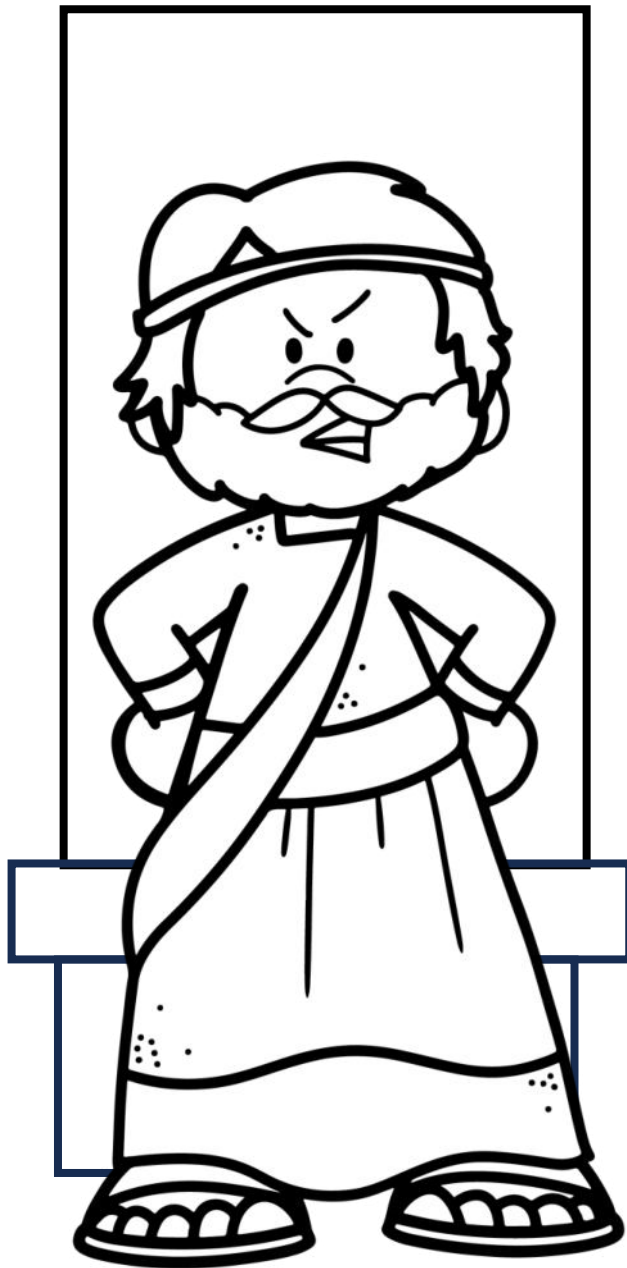
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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

j	k	j	e	f	g	s	v	o	o	l	e
s	s	j	o	u	r	n	e	y	k	q	e
s	j	q	f	a	i	t	h	f	u	l	p
a	z	v	w	c	i	g	k	l	b	y	r
s	d	c	y	m	v	c	l	i	w	m	a
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l	l	l	s	m	x	j	v	t	e	i	v
c	p	e	z	w	x	h	b	u	n	k	k
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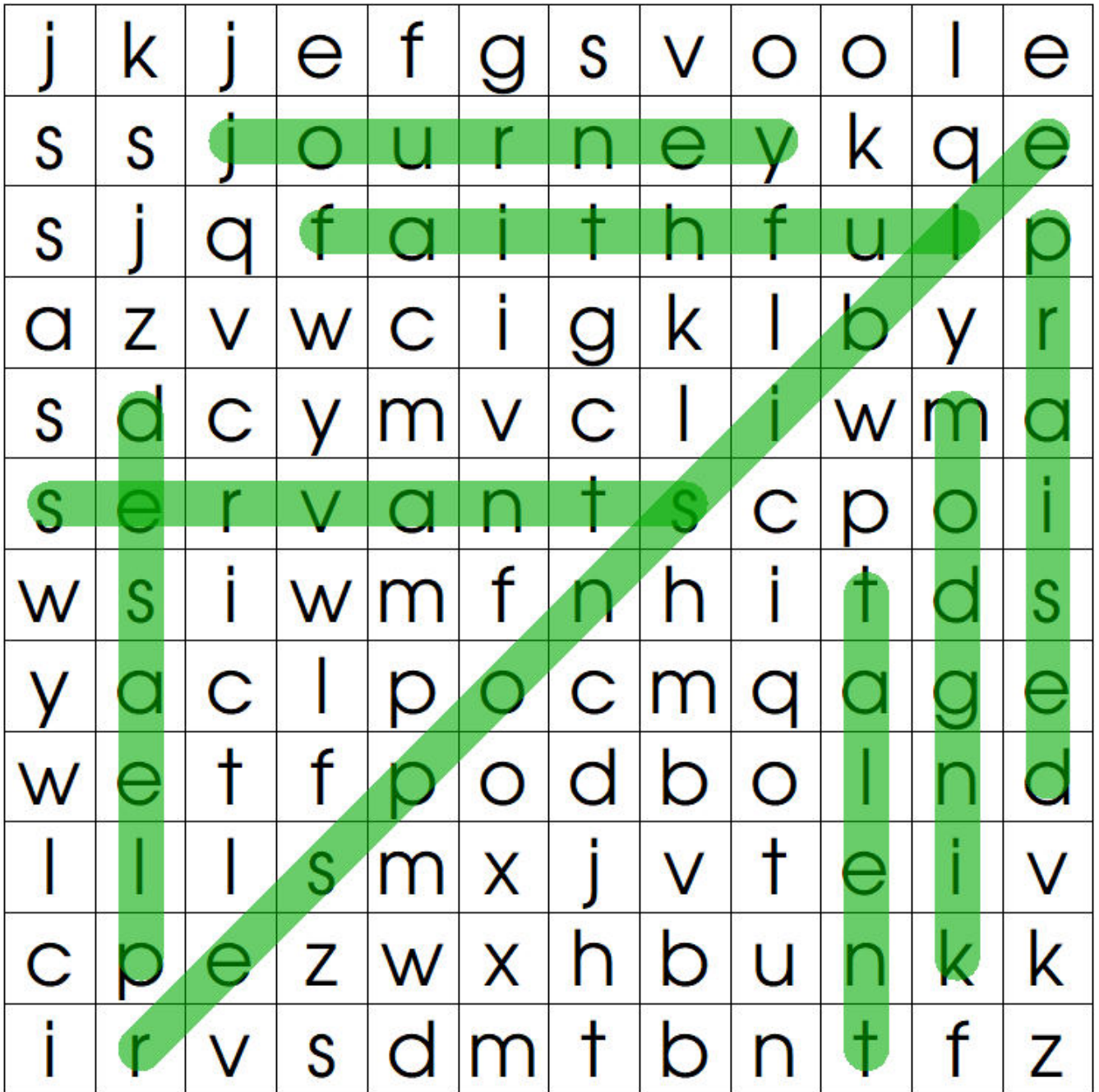


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Word Search - answers

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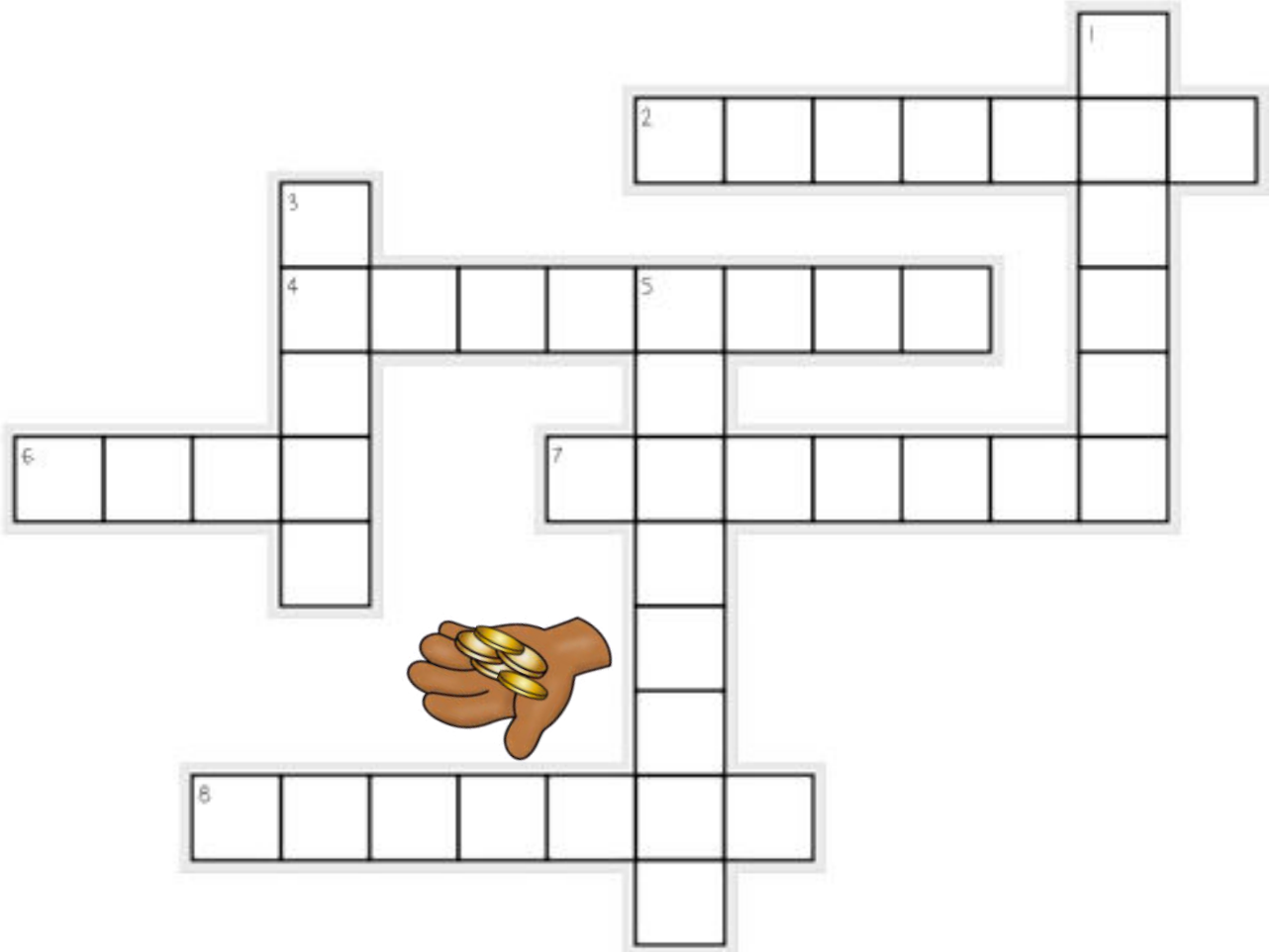
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

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Down

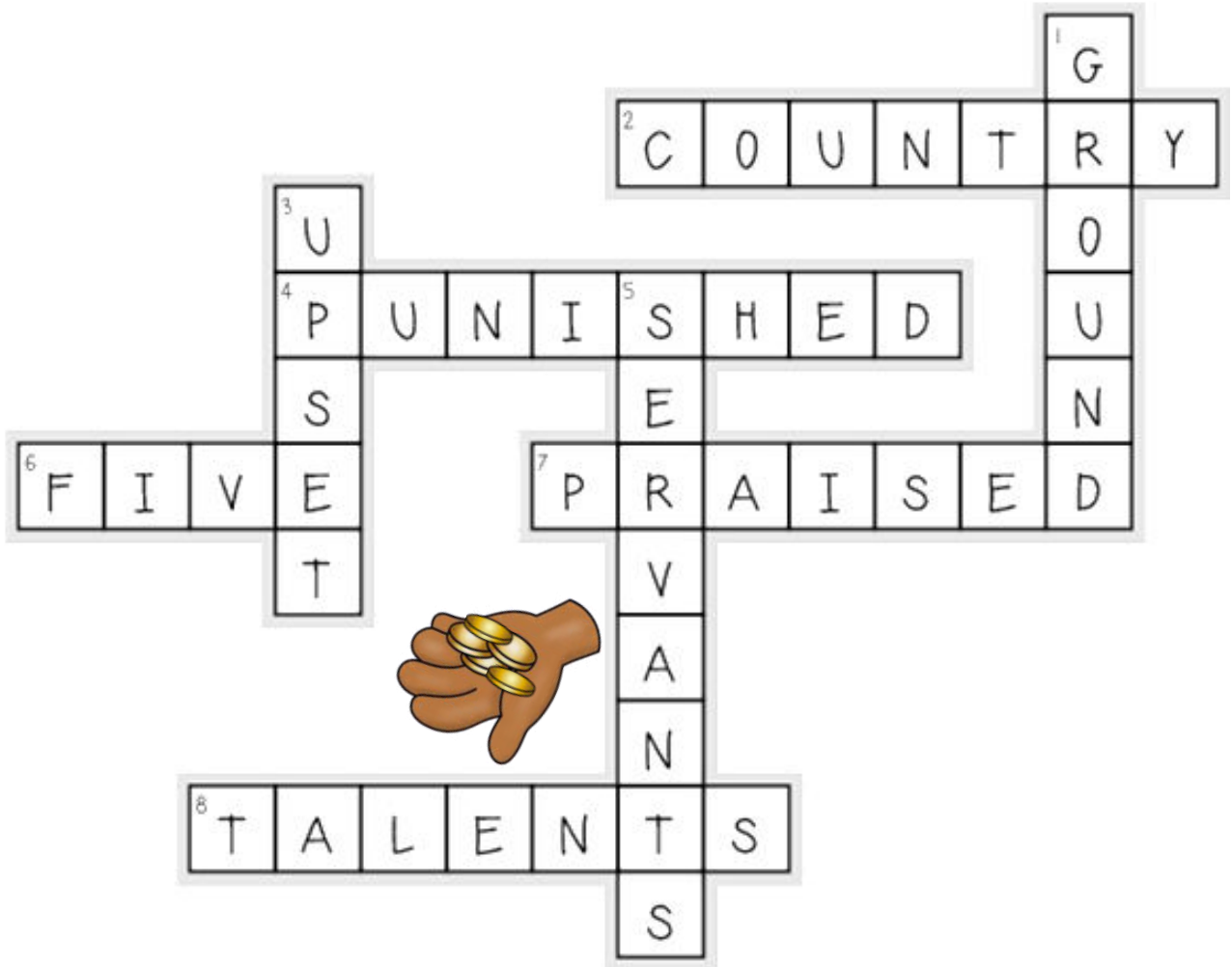
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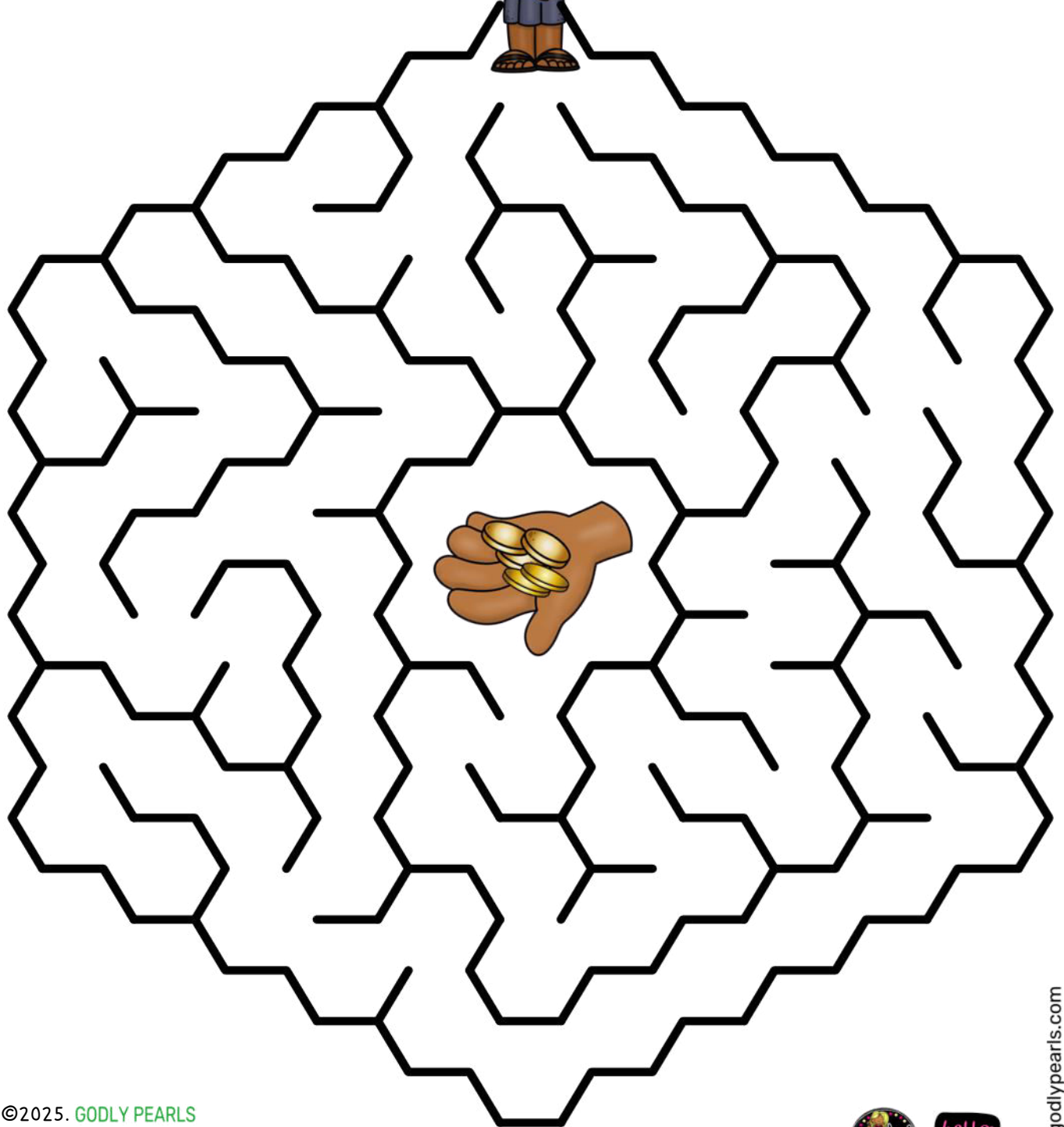
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Puzzle sheet

Help the servant get his five talents. He needs to start working!

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

HANEEV

EDBOUL

MERSAT

RTURNE

ENYMO

CIDKWE

WRDKEO

UROGND

Word list

Master

Money

Worked

Double



Return

Wicked

Heaven

Ground