

Ministry @Home



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:
**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:**
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.

Welcome

Song: Here I am to Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXg2ztge8f0>

Reflection Time

Talent Contest: Ask each person in your home to show everyone something they are good at. Maybe they can stand on their head, play a guitar, tell a story, give a hug? Go round as often as you can – you may need to encourage each other as we are often shy or embarrassed. Think of this as an 'X Factor' opportunity!

This story is called the Parable of the Talents. A parable is a type of story Jesus would tell so we would learn something from it.

Bible passage: Matthew 25:14-30 read this together from the International Children's bible.

And watch these short videos which tell the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVetd67zGZs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNH4IjGWI-8>

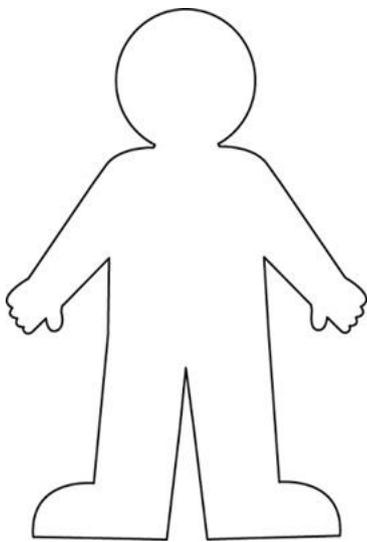
When Jesus told this story a talent was a weight of money worth about 20 years of pay. But it can also mean our gifts or abilities. Something special and amazing God gives just to you, almost like a super power.

The man in this story is like God and the man's servants are God's people; us. The man in this story trusted his servants and believed that they would take care of his valuables. Two of the servants worked hard to make their master's money grow but the third man buried it! He had time, he could have done all sorts but he didn't bother. So the master stops trusting him.

The point Jesus was trying to make is that if you use your special gifts and abilities God will give you more to keep doing these things you are good at.

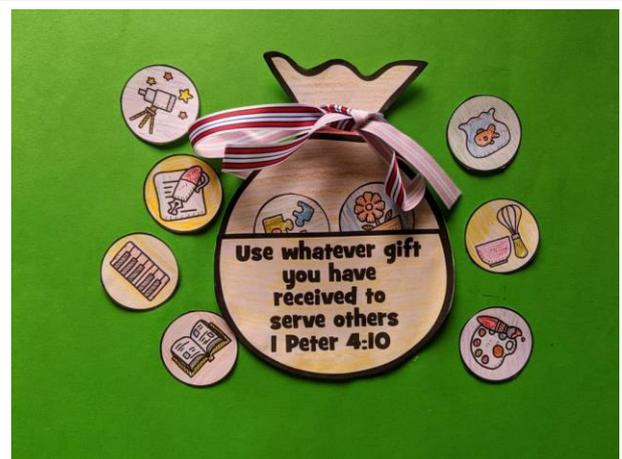
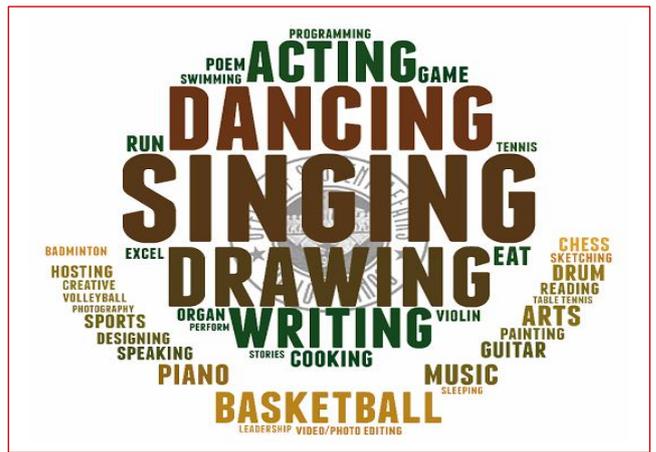
God has given us all gifts or talents. Some are skills we have learnt and practised like music or art, others are abilities we need to learn like reading or maths. Others again are the 'things' we have – like our toys, our money or our time.

Sometimes it is hard to know what gifts or talents God has given us. Other people often see them better than we do ourselves.

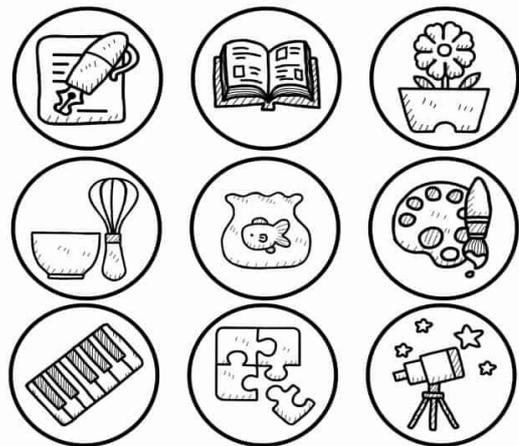


Draw an outline for everyone in your household. Take it in turns to write or draw on them the gifts you see in each other. Keep adding to them as you spot new gifts.

Also try to encourage and compliment others if you notice something special in them. Your friends, teachers and parents might forget that God put something special in them and you might see it. Tell them that they're good at it and remind them that it's a special ability given to them by God.



Use whatever gift you have received to serve others I Peter 4:10



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Make a treasure bag as a family, decide how you can use your gifts to serve God and each other. Be imaginative – everyone enjoys cookies.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Way Maker

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0

Song: You Got This

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqFcetG7wGQ>

Thank You Prayers. Pass round some sweets or chocolate coins. As you taste the sweetness thank God for the gifts he has given every one of you. As it dissolves think of that delicious taste and how you can use your gifts to show other people God's goodness and love for them.



**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven...
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen**

Celebration....

**If any of your members
celebrate a birthday within the
next week – sing**

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore.**

Amen.

Closing Responses.....

Song: Be Happy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXXKJrxoChU>

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

**Ask different members to blow out the
candles.....until you meet again**

Extra Ideas.

- **Hide the treasure**
Choose an object to be the treasure. Take turns to hide it somewhere and to try and find it. If you have soil or sand available that could be fun.
- **Take some time to practice something, remember God gave you gifts to enjoy but sometimes they take a bit of effort.**
- **Make a special effort to bless another home with one of your gifts, a picture? some cookies? Pray for that home too.**

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