

Children's Church at Home 15 November 2020

Matthew 25:14-30 / Luke 19:11-27

Parable of the talents: be faithful with what God has given you

**Craft ingredients:** self-raising flour, caster sugar, cocoa or chocolate powder, 1 medium egg, milk, vegetable oil or sunflower oil, a few drops of vanilla essence, chocolate chips, nuts, or raisins etc (optional)

**First:** Have you read the story of Master Money the Millionaire? It's by Allan Ahlberg. In the story, Master Money keeps finding buried treasure, in the garden, in the sandpit at school, on the beach ... our story today is about buried treasure. How does it turn out, though?

**Story:** Matthew 25:14-30. You can read the story here.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A14-30&version=ERV>

**Video:** <https://youtu.be/icUL8UOuV7Q> narrated by young people

<https://youtu.be/UblAZDPu3Pg> a cartoon. Watch out for the arm action in this one!!

**Think:** This is one of Jesus' parables: a story to help people understand what he is trying to explain to them. so who does the master represent? And who are the workers, do you think? When Jesus finally left the earth, after he had been crucified and then come alive again, he promised to come back. What job did he leave to his followers to do while he was away?

**Craft:** well, I thought about making gold for craft, but that's a bit too tricky, so, second best, what about cake? There's enough in this recipe for 2 mug cakes. Mine overflowed, but that's probably because I put extra baking powder in (mistake!) and if you have a powerful microwave, you may need just 1 ½ minutes. It is yummy, though.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/microwave-mug-cake>

**Activity:** Well, if you're making cake, I think a good activity is eating it. Or you could play Monopoly! Simplify it by making a time limit and just using properties (no houses or hotels). At the end of your time, just add up cash and value of properties to see who is the winner.

**Prayer:** Eternal God, thank you for the trust you put in us to do your work, while we wait for Jesus to come back and invite us to your party in Heaven. Show us what you would like us to do and remind us when we forget. Amen.

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