

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, The Parable of the Talents.

You can find it in your Bible in:
Matthew 25 v 14–30

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Why did the master give his servants while he was away? Why do you think Jesus told this story?

The servants were told to take care of their master’s things while he was gone. The master trusted his servants and wanted them to use well the resources he had given them. That’s why he was so angry with the servant who buried the talents he was given – what a waste!

Jesus knew that he wasn’t going to be on the earth forever, his followers would have a part to play in continuing his work on the earth. Just like the servants in the story if we look after what we are given well and give our all to God, we will receive even more from Him.

Some questions for children to ask adults

What gifts do you use to serve God and others?

A prayer to say together

Dear God,
Thank you for parable of the talents which Jesus told. Help us to remember that we have an important task in this world, to share your love with others.

Thank you that each of us is unique and special to you. Help us to use the gifts and skills you have given us to bless and serve others. Help us to grow the talents you have given us.

Amen.

Family Activity 1

Hold your own family talent show! Give everybody a chance to demonstrate a talent or skill.

Why not talk about how you could use those talents to give glory to God and share God’s love with others?





A verse to remember

1 Peter 4 v 10

Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

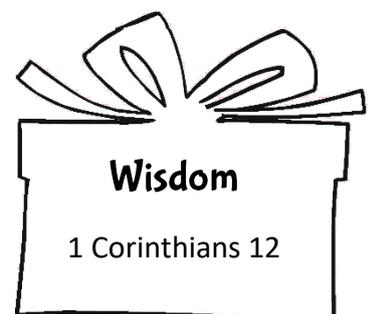
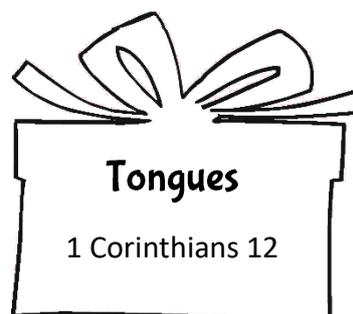
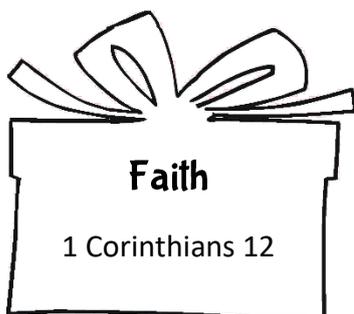
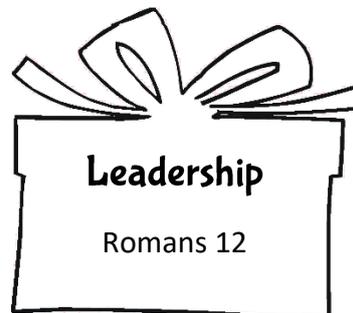
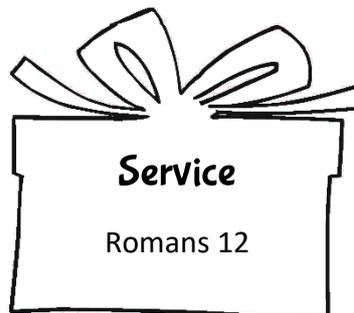
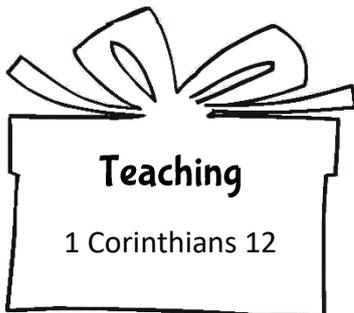
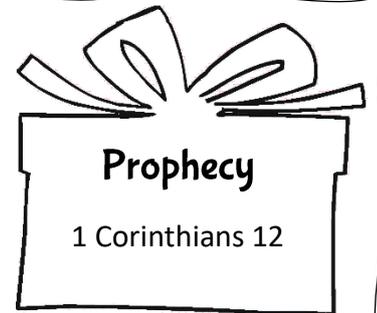
You will need: A coin

The servant in the story hid the money he was given, burying it till his master returned. Take it in turns to hide a coin somewhere in the room or house. Everybody else must search for the coin. Give hints such as "hotter", "colder", "freezing" to help in the search. Who will be first to find the coin?

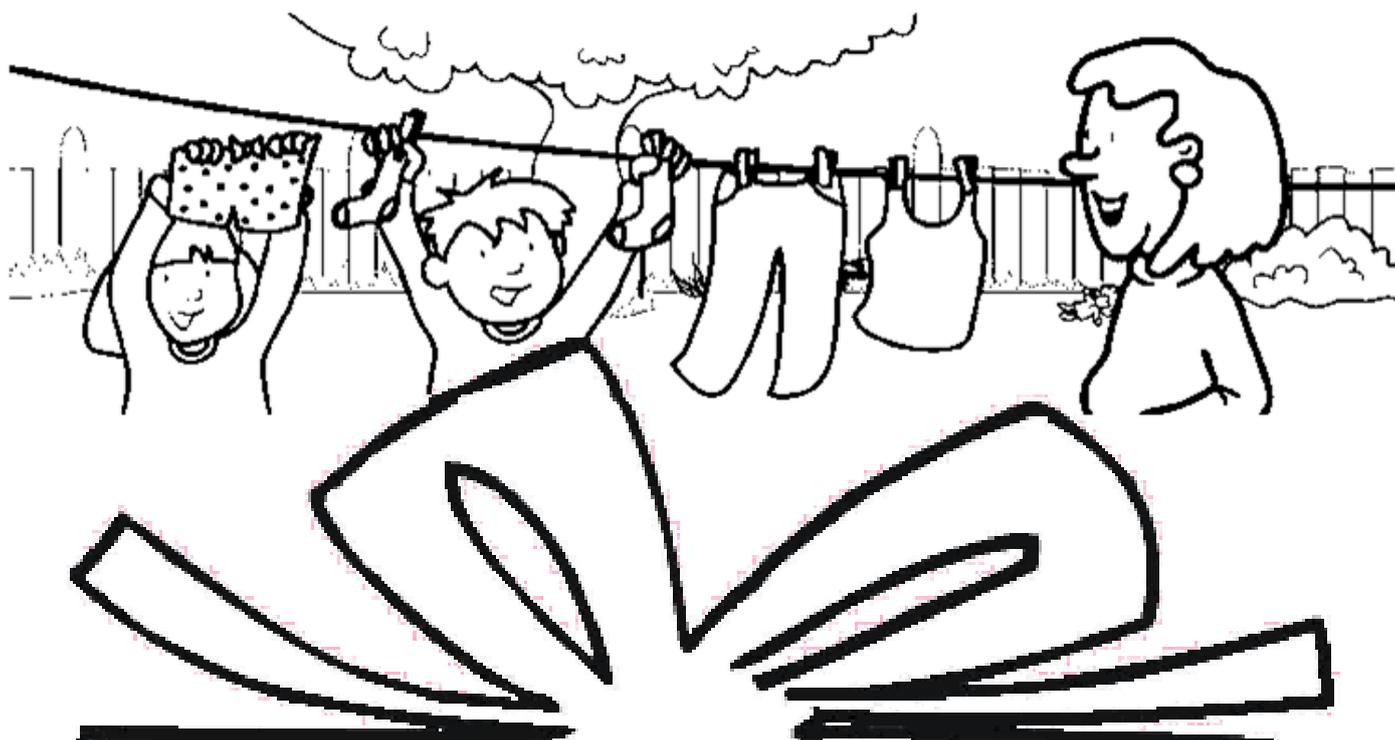


Active Gifts

God has many gifts for us which can receive through the Holy Spirit. Why not spend some time thinking about the many different gifts we can receive from God? You could print off these gifts and hide them around the room looking for them and then find them in the passage in your Bible. Or why not wrap them in layers of a pass the parcel? Talk about which gifts you would most like to have and share with others.

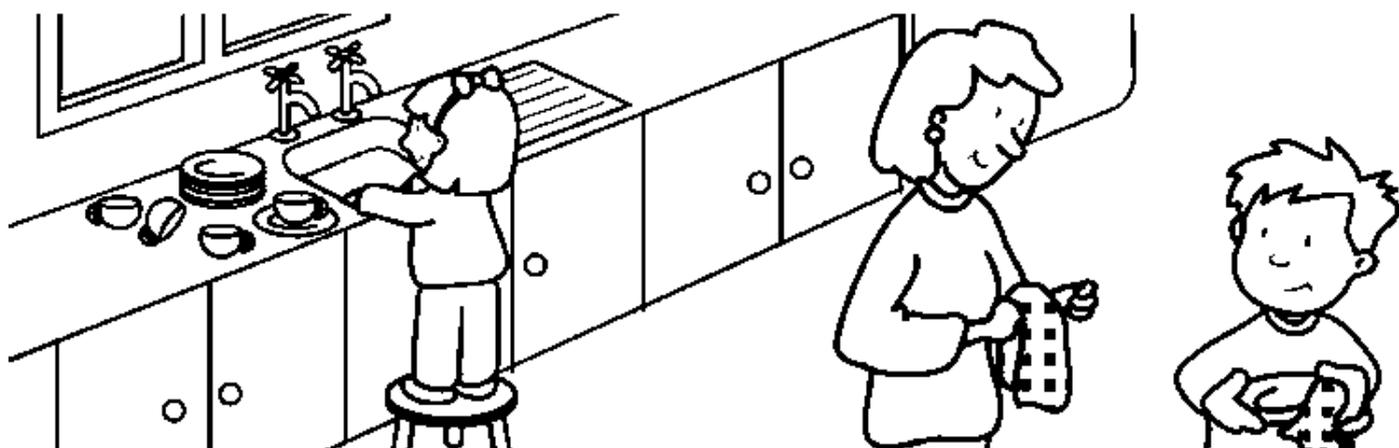


A colouring page you could print and colour together



1 Peter 4 v 10

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a gift to use to serve
others. Be good servants
of God's various gifts of
grace.



PUZZLE SHEET



Can you find the 8 differences between the two pictures?

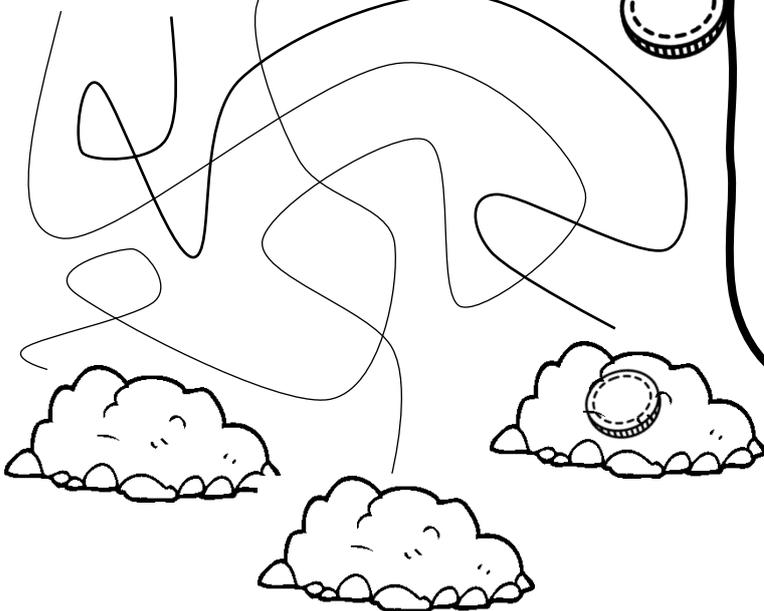
How many coins like this one can you find on the page?



Help the servant find where he buried the coin.

Find the words hidden in the word search.

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DISCIPLES SERVANT THOUSAND
 COINS COUNTRY MASTER
 MONEY EARNED MORE
 WONDERFUL FAITHFUL HAPPINESS