



WEEKLY RESOURCES

Sunday February 28

Parable of the Talents

Matthew and Luke both record parables from Jesus. In Matthew 25, Matthew writes about the parable of the talents. Luke 19 accounts for the parable of the minas. Though these parables are similar, they are not identical. Both parables are about a master who gives money to his servants and then goes on a trip. When the master returns, he judges the servants for their faithfulness—in their stewardship over what they possessed.

This week, we will focus on the parable of the talents. Jesus was teaching His disciples at the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. The disciples asked Jesus to tell them about the end of time. (See Matt. 24:3.) He told them parables to help them understand what it will be like when the kingdom of heaven comes.

Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey. In this parable, the man is Jesus. Jesus was going to leave earth and return to His Father in heaven. Before the man left, he entrusted certain amounts of money to his servants. The relationship between a master and his servants would have meant that the master still owned the money they were given, and the master would own any interest they made on the money. The first two servants were faithful with the gifts, investing the talents and gaining more—not for their own profit, but for the profit of their master.

The third servant, however, knew that if he lost any of the money, the master would punish him. And if he gained any money, he wouldn't get to keep it anyway. So he took no risk and buried the money in the ground. When the master returned, he was pleased with the actions of the first two servants, but he punished the servant who did nothing.

“Well done, good and faithful servant!” Every believer, as a servant of Christ, has the task of serving God with his or her life. We do not sit idly by, afraid of failure, but we serve joyfully for Jesus' sake. We eagerly wait for the day we can share in the joy of our Master. Heaven is the joy of knowing, worshiping, and enjoying Jesus forever.

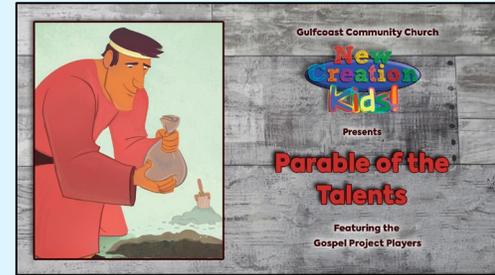
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Bible Story: Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27 ● Read the bolded text for younger kids.

Jesus was teaching people about God and His kingdom. He told them parables, or stories, to help them understand. One day, Jesus was talking about the last day, the day when Jesus will come back to earth. **Jesus said that no one knows when that day will happen. Then** He told His listeners a parable about three servants.

Jesus said, **“This is what that day will be like.** A man was going on a journey. He called his servants to him and gave them each some money. He gave one servant five talents, another servant two talents, and another servant one talent. **(Now, a talent was a very large amount of money.) Each man received what the master thought he was able to take care of.** Then the man left and went on his journey.

“The first servant, who had five talents, invested the money right away. Soon, the five talents had earned five more. In the same way, the man who had two talents invested the money and earned two more talents. But the servant who had one talent did not invest his master’s money. Instead, he dug a hole in the ground and hid the money in the hole.

“After a long time, the master came home. He asked his servants what they had done with his money. The servant who had five talents showed the master that he had earned five more talents.

“ ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’ the master said. **‘You did a good job looking over a few things, so I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in my joy!’**

“Then the second servant, who had two talents, showed the master that he had earned two more talents.

“ ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’ the master said. **‘You did a good job looking over a few things, so I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in my joy!’**

“Then the third servant, who had one talent, brought the master his one talent. The servant said, **‘Master, I know you. You are a difficult man. I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here is the one talent you gave me.’** “The master was not happy. **‘You evil, lazy servant! If you know me so well, you should have invested your money with the bankers so that when I returned, I would get my money back with interest.’**

“The master took the talent from the servant and gave it to the servant who had 10 talents. The master said, **‘Everyone who uses what they have will get even more, and they will have more than they need. But anyone who wastes what he has will have everything taken away. Throw out this useless servant.’**”

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Key Passage: Matthew 13:10-11

The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

Big Picture Question

Preschool: How can we serve God? God gives us special abilities to serve Him.

Elementary: Why does God give us abilities and gifts? God give us abilities and gifts to use for Him.

Bible Story Review

Preschool/Kindergarten

1. Where was the master going? (On a trip?)
2. How many coins did the servant with five coins make? (five more)
3. What did the servant with one coin do? (dug a hole and hid his coin in the ground)
4. What did the man say to the servants with two coins and five coins? (“Well done? Come and be happy with me!”)
5. What happened to the bad servant? (His coin was taken away from him, and he was sent away.)
6. God is like the master in the story, and we are like the servants?
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Elementary Kids

1. How much money did the man give each of his servants? (five talents, two talents, and one talent)
2. How many talents did the servant with five talents earn? (five more)
3. How many talents did the servant with two talents earn? (two more)
4. What did the servant with one talent do? (He buried the talent in the ground.)
5. What did the master say to the servants who earned more money? (“Well done, good and faithful servant!”)
6. What did the master do with the servant’s one talent? (He gave it to the servant with 10 talents.)

Christ Connection

Jesus taught in parables so His followers would understand how to live in anticipation of His second coming.



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Jesus Tells the Parable of the Bags of Gold

Matthew 25:14–30

One day Jesus told about a rich man who had three servants. This man had to go on a long trip. While he was gone, he wanted his servants to make more money for him.

The man gave the first servant five bags of gold. (Even one bag of gold was a large amount of money.) He gave the second servant two bags of gold, and he gave the third servant one bag of gold. Then he left on his trip.

The servant with five bags of gold went to work. He used the money to make five more bags of gold! The servant who had gotten two bags of gold also got to work. He may have bought and sold animals or planted food to sell. Whatever he did, he ended up with four bags of gold—twice what the rich man had given him.

But the last servant was afraid the money would get lost or stolen. So he dug a hole in the ground and buried the money!

The rich man came back from his trip. He called together his servants to see what they had done with the money. The first servant said he had gotten five more bags of gold. The second servant showed he had gotten two more bags of gold. The man was very pleased with their hard work. He said he would give them even more to take care of.

Then the last servant said he buried the bag of gold. The rich man was angry! He said he wanted his money to be used, not hidden.

Jesus told about the rich man to help us know that God wants us to use what He gives us. He wants us to do good things.

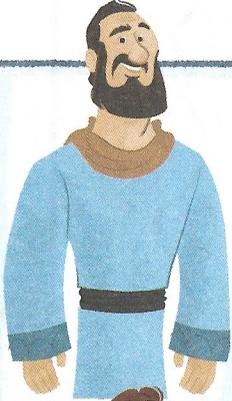
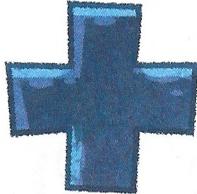
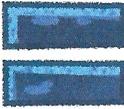
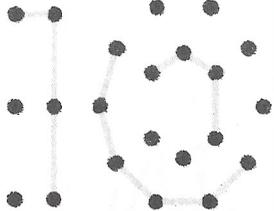
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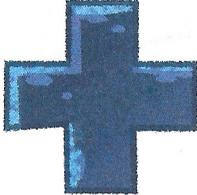
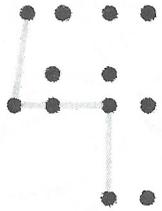
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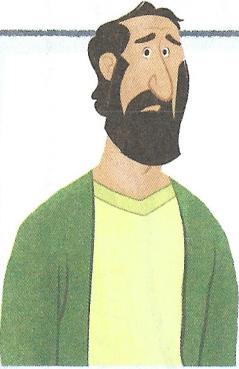
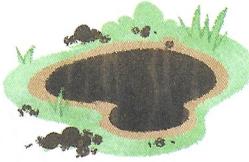


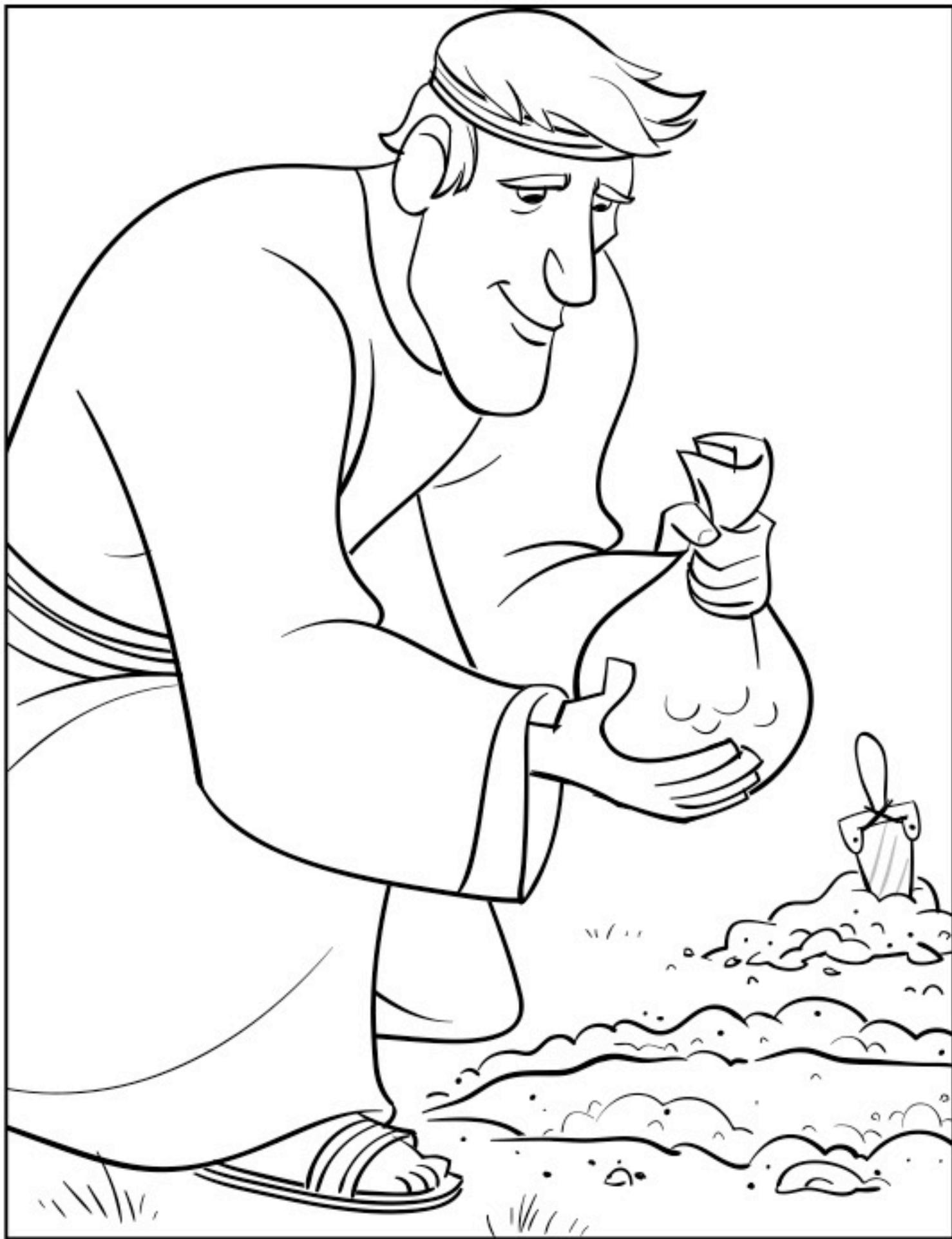
Counting Coins

Instructions: Jesus told a story about a man who gave his servants a different amount of coins. The servants were supposed to work hard and earn more coins for the man. Count the coins next to each servant, then count the number of coins they earned. How many coins did each servant earn for the man while he was away?

					
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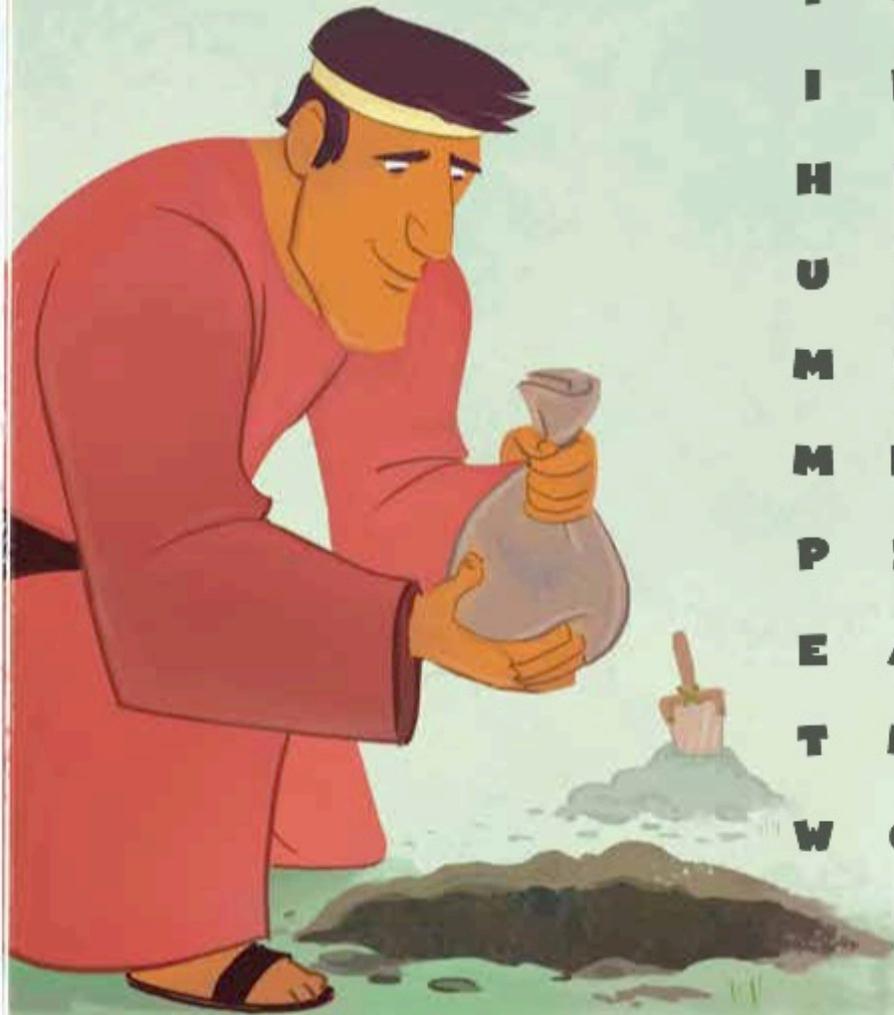
					
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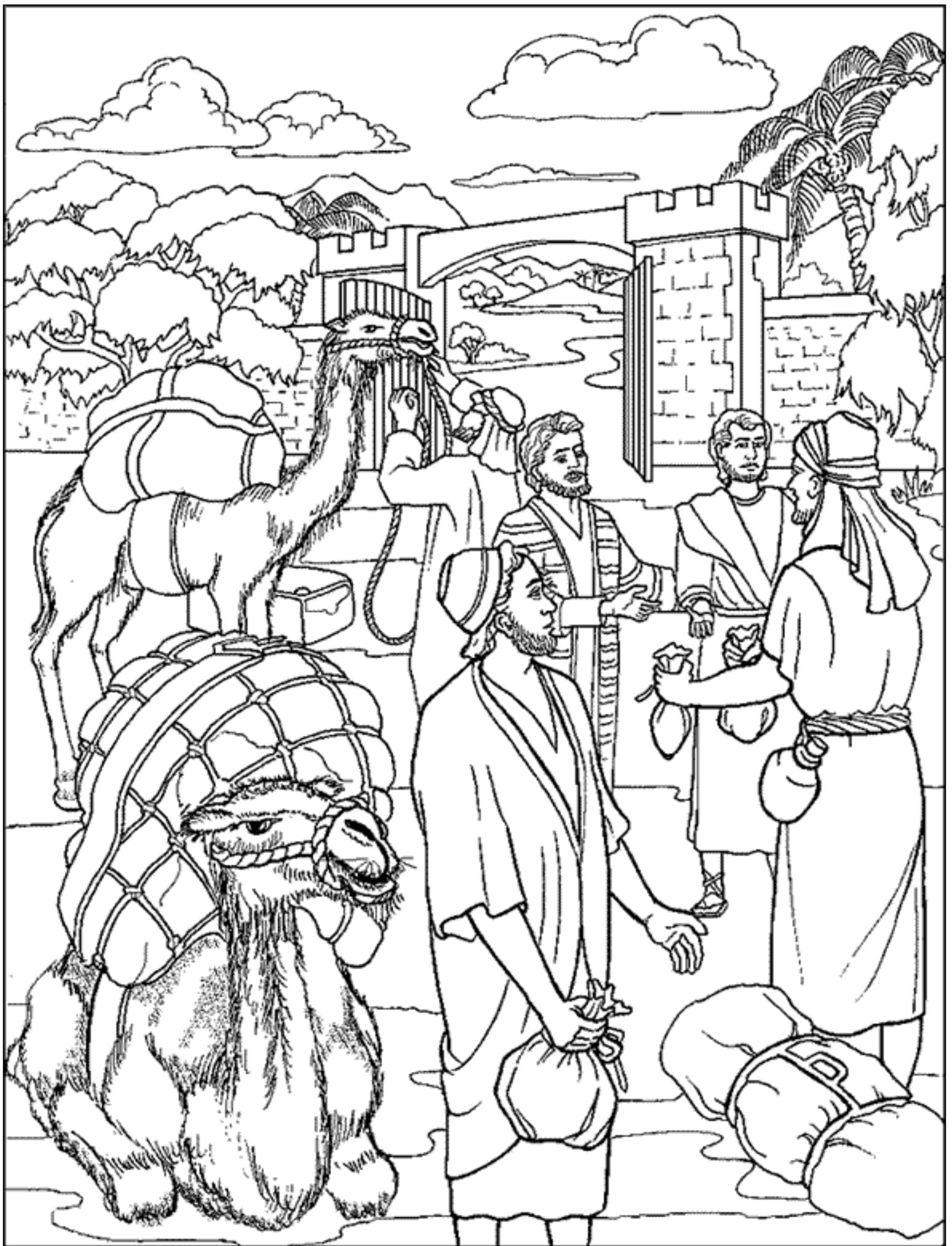


Word Search

Instructions: Find and circle the following words: SERVANT, TALENTS, HEAVEN, GIFTS, PARABLE, and FAITHFUL.



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The Happy Master

Instructions: Find the six points on the grid and then connect them with a line to discover a message from the happy master. (Tip: Move across the bottom first, and then up the grid.)

Points

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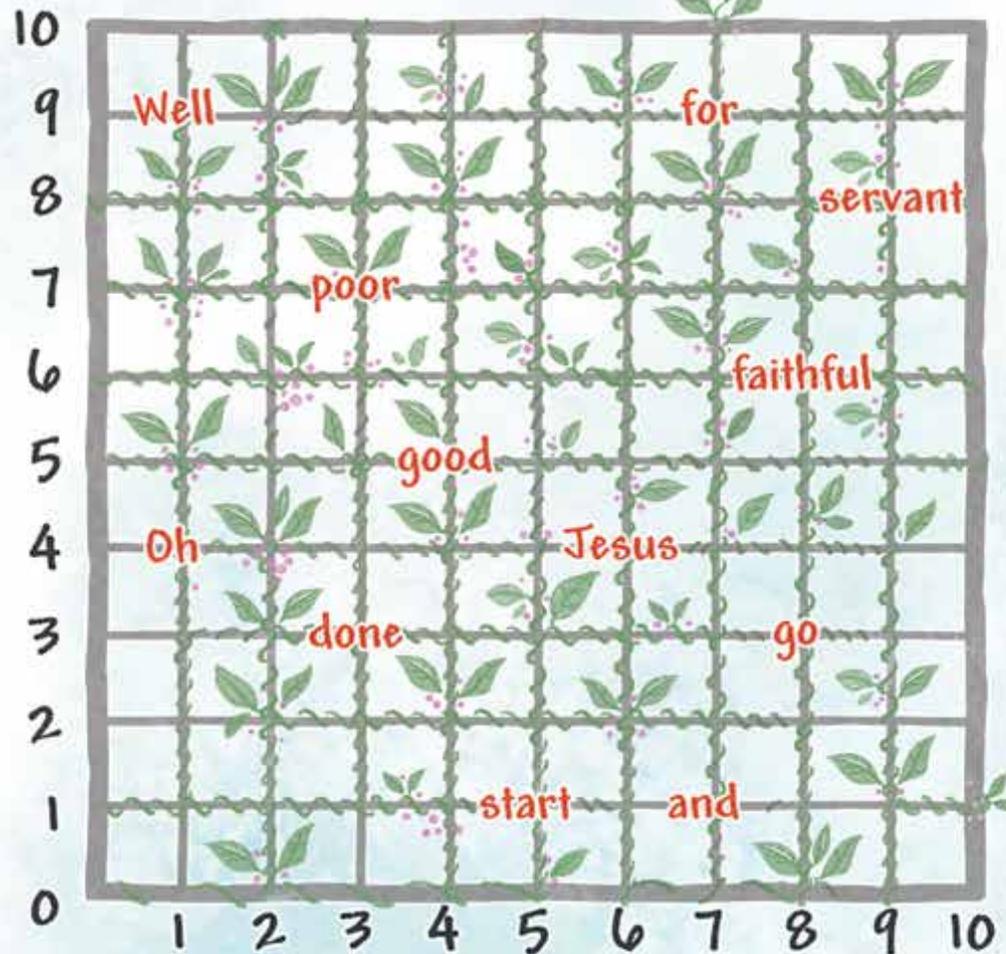
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Timeline Review

Instructions: Number the Bible stories in chronological order.

