

Day 2

Read Matthew 25:14–30

Grab a sheet of paper.

As you read through Matthew 25:14–30, illustrate what you read.

You can use stick figures for the people. Keep it simple.

Drawing the bags of gold really helps you see how much more the men had who used what they had been given!



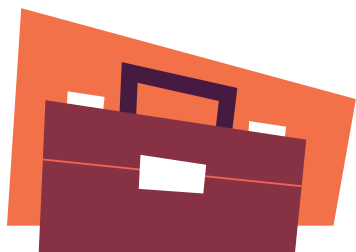
This wasn't a real story, but a parable that Jesus told His followers to help them understand something. Jesus wanted them to know that they had been trusted with a lot—including the truth about who Jesus is!—and therefore, much was expected of them!

Day 3

How can you use what you've been given?

Over the next few days, you're going to work on making a list of all the things you've been given and ways you can use those things to help others. The best place to start with questions like these is by talking to God about it!

Pray and ask God to show you all the things you've been given and to give you the wisdom to use those things well. Close your prayer by thanking God for all that you've been given!



Day 4

You've asked God to help you see what you've been given and for wisdom on how to use it to help others; now it's time to ask the people in your life what they think.

Name one person from each of these places:

Home

Your neighborhood/apartment

School

Church

Any other activity you do

Reach out to each of these people today, either in-person or by text or phone and ask them this question:

- What are some things that I have been given (by God or others) that I can use to help others?

Write down their answers. Then follow up with this question:

- How do you think I can use (their ideas) to help others?

Write down their answers to this question too. Hold on to their answers because you'll need them tomorrow.

Day 5

Look for ways to use what you've been given.

Earlier this month, we talked about seeing people's needs and then doing something about it. What is REALLY cool is when you see a need and realize that you have the exact thing that will help them meet that need!

Match up the following needs with things someone might be able to use to meet that need.

Needs someone might have:

An elderly person whose yard is overgrown

Your little sister had a bad day

A friend is failing math

A new neighbor doesn't know anyone

Things you might have to help:

Lots of great knock-knock jokes

Math smarts

Sweet baking skills

Free time and a green thumb

Now that you get how this works, look back over your notes from yesterday. Which of the things you've been blessed with do you think would help someone in your life? Write down one or two things and then go and do them!