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# Good News



## SUNDAY GOSPEL

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 25:14-30

### Parable of the Talents

**Jesus:** Once there was a man who decided to go on a long trip. He called in three of his servants.

**Man:** I trust you with my business while I am gone. Amos, I give you five talents. Samuel, I give you two talents. Joshua, I give you one talent.

**Narrator:** A talent was a very large amount of money.

**Jesus:** Then the man left on his trip.

**Amos:** I will take my five talents and use them to earn more.

**Samuel:** I will use my two talents to earn more too.

**Joshua:** I am going to bury my talent. I don't want to lose it.

**Jesus:** After a long time, the man came home. He called his workers together.



**Amos:** Look, you gave me five talents, and I have earned five more.

**Man:** Well done, my good and faithful servant. I trust you to do important work for me. Come and share my joy.

**Samuel:** I doubled the money you gave me too.

**Man:** Well done, my good and faithful servant. I will trust you with more. Come and share my joy.

**Joshua:** Sir, I know you are a tough boss. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I buried it. Here it is.

**Man:** What a lazy servant! Give your talent to Amos and leave me. I do not trust you anymore.



### KNOW

- 1 What did the man expect the workers to do with the talents?
- 2 Why did Joshua bury his talent?



# Spelling T-r-o-u-b-l-e



“Time for bed!” Marci’s mom called.  
 “Oh, Mom,” Marci sighed. “Can’t I finish this show?”

“No,” her mom said. “That’s not our agreement. Show me your homework, then it’s off to bed.”

“It’s all finished,” said Marci, pulling her papers from her school folder. “Dad checked my fractions for math, and I read for twenty minutes.”

“What about spelling?” her mom asked. “Do you want me to help you?”

“I don’t need help with spelling,” Marci said. She put her papers away.

“But I help you practice your words every night,” her mom said.

“No, I’m OK,” said Marci. She kissed her mom and went to bed.

The next day, Marci’s mom got a call at work.

“This is Mrs. Casey, Marci’s teacher,” the caller said. “I am sorry to bother you at work, but there is a problem.”

“What’s wrong?” asked Marci’s mom.

“Marci cheated on her spelling test,” Mrs. Casey said. “She was looking at someone else’s answers.”

“I will talk to Marci,” said her mom. “Thank you for calling.”

Marci’s mom was waiting when the school bus pulled up and Marci got off.

“Your teacher called me today,” Marci’s mom said. “Please tell me why you looked at someone else’s spelling words during the test.”

Marci said, “I was tired of learning spelling words, Mom. But I didn’t want to get red marks on my paper, so I looked at Carla’s test.”

“I am disappointed that you cheated, Marci,” her mom said. “You can learn your spelling words if you work at it.”

“I know, Mom,” Marci said. “Will you help me study tonight?”

“Sure, I will,” her mom said and gave Marci a hug.



## KNOW

- 1 Why did Marci cheat on her spelling test?
- 2 Did Marci use her talents when she didn’t study?

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**Connecting GOSPEL  
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## Using Our Talents



**A** servant is a helper. We are servants of God. We help one another as Jesus' followers.

We can use the talents God gave us. These talents aren't money. They are things we're good at—making people smile, helping, sharing, being generous or kind. As Jesus' disciples, we use our talents to do good.

Go to page 16 (bottom) of your Catechism handbook to learn more about being a disciple.



### Catholic Faith Words



**servant** A servant is a person who takes care of the needs of others.

**parable** A parable is a story about everyday life. Jesus told parables to teach about God.

#### Family Corner

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#### Question of the Week

What talent has God given you? How can you use it to tell others about Jesus?

#### Family Prayer

Lord, help us to discover our talents. Show us how you want us to use them. Amen.

Try to whistle.



Tell a joke or riddle.



Recite a nursery rhyme.



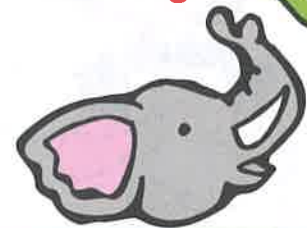
Give five words that begin ?! ? with the same letter as your name.



Pray a prayer you know by heart.



Make the sound of a tiger, an elephant, or a frog.



Do twenty hops on one leg in twenty seconds.



Name a bird you have seen.

## Activity

### Try a Talent

1. Divide into two teams.
2. Teams take turns calling, "Try a talent, try a talent, send (Name) over."
3. The teacher gives a talent card to the child called. If the child tries the talent, she stays on her team. If he does not try the talent, he joins the other team.
4. The game ends when all the children have been called twice.

### What Will You Try?

Put an X by activities you have done. Put a Y by activities you will try.

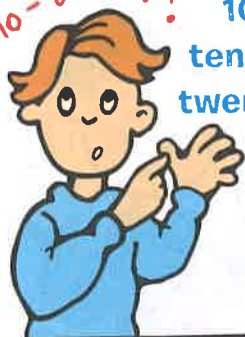
- downhill ski
- read at Mass
- write a play
- skateboard
- sing in the choir
- dive in the pool
- run a 5K race
- dance
- volunteer in class
- lead the meal prayer



If we . . . consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, . . . the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.

—Saint Angela of Foligno

10-20...? Count to 100 by tens and twenties.



Say "Sister Susie sews shirts for sick soldiers" three times, fast.



Make a funny face.



Say the ABCs while standing on one foot.



Read three lines of today's Gospel.



Touch your toes, knees, and head ten times fast.



Sing a church song.



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Do five push-ups in ten seconds. Keep your knees on the ground.

