

# Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.

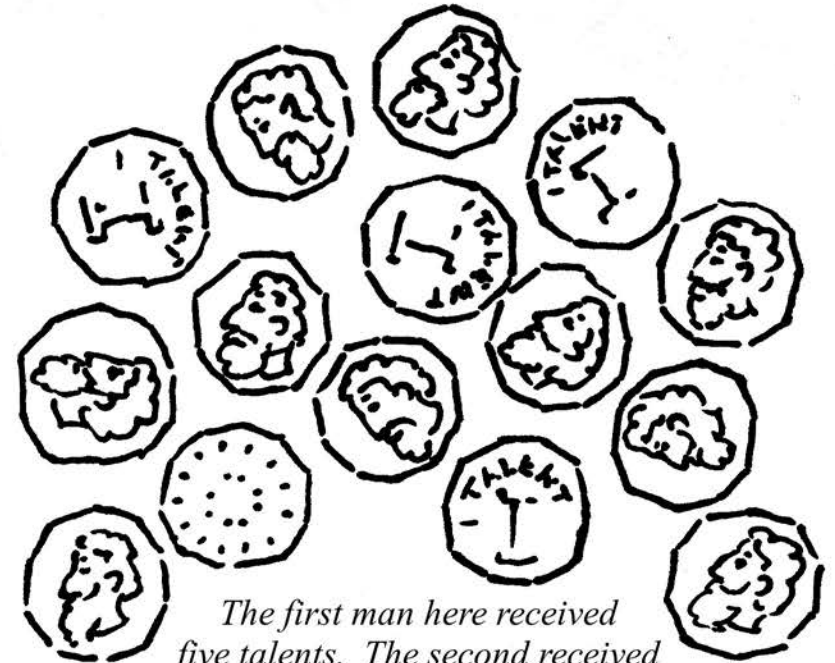


What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?



# The Kids' Bulletin

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*The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:*



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.


Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.  
Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 6, 2, Middle: 4, 1, Bottom: 3, 5.

# Saint Catherine of Alexandria

November 25

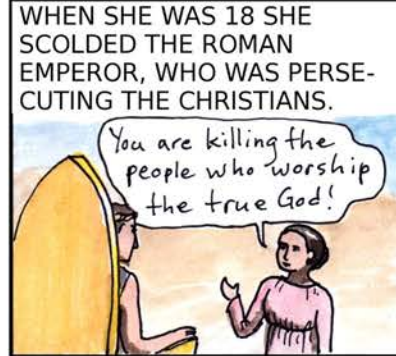
ACCORDING TO LEGEND, SAINT CATHERINE WAS BORN IN ALEXANDRIA IN EGYPT TO A WELL-TO-DO FAMILY. SHE WAS WELL EDUCATED, AND BECAME A CHRISTIAN.

I baptize you in the Name of the Father...



WHEN SHE WAS 18 SHE SCOLDED THE ROMAN EMPEROR, WHO WAS PERSECUTING THE CHRISTIANS.

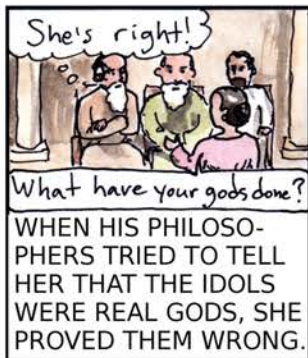
You are killing the people who worship the true God!



She's right!

What have your gods done?

WHEN HIS PHILOSOPHERS TRIED TO TELL HER THAT THE IDOLS WERE REAL GODS, SHE PROVED THEM WRONG.



WHEN SHE WOULDN'T AGREE WITH THE EMPEROR, HE THREW HER IN PRISON.



Tell me more!

WHEN HIS WIFE WAS CONVERTED, THE EMPEROR CONDEMNED CATHERINE TO DEATH.



SHE WAS TIED TO A WHEEL WITH SPIKES, BUT IT BROKE!



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THE EMPEROR WAS SO ENRAGED THAT HE HAD HER BEHEADED AT ONCE.

I have had enough of this nonsense!



WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH MANY STORIES, SO IT MAY BE A BIT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. STILL, SHE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO US OF STANDING UP FOR THE TRUTH IN THE FACE OF DANGER. WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO DEFEND THE TRUTH.

# Using the Master's Talents

- sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel?  
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.

But you didn't use what I gave you! Your talent will be given to the servant with ten.




I've made five more.

I made two more.

I hid mine. Here it is.



I'm going away. Please look after these for me.



I have returned! Call the servants.



You two have done well. Come with me.

