

The Parable of the Talents



Introduction

The Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25:14-30 remind us that God is generous and grants us God given talents and abilities to use for His glory.

Key Points:

1. God gives each of us different kinds of talents. (1 Corinthians 12:18-21).
2. We need to use what we have for God.
3. The Bible is a treasure, we should share the Bible.



Lesson Guide

Talk to your child about the gifts that God has given to them. Singing, drawing, cooking, listening, problem solving and so on. Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-21 with your child. Share how God has given each of us different gifts. We should not compare ourselves to others but use the gifts God has given us.

Help your child to recognize the gifts God has given them. Both material and non-material gifts.

Take a piece of paper and ask your child to count the (4) corners. Now, ask them to carefully cut off one corner with a scissors and give the corner to you. Share that sometimes we try to keep things for ourselves, but when we give what God has given us, He gives more. Ask them to count the corners again. There will now be 5. Repeat with each of the four original corners. Each time they give one away, they will gain one more.

One gift that God has given is the Bible. One way to keep this treasure safe is to hide it in our hearts (read Psalm 119:11). We should do more than hide it away though. We should also share it.

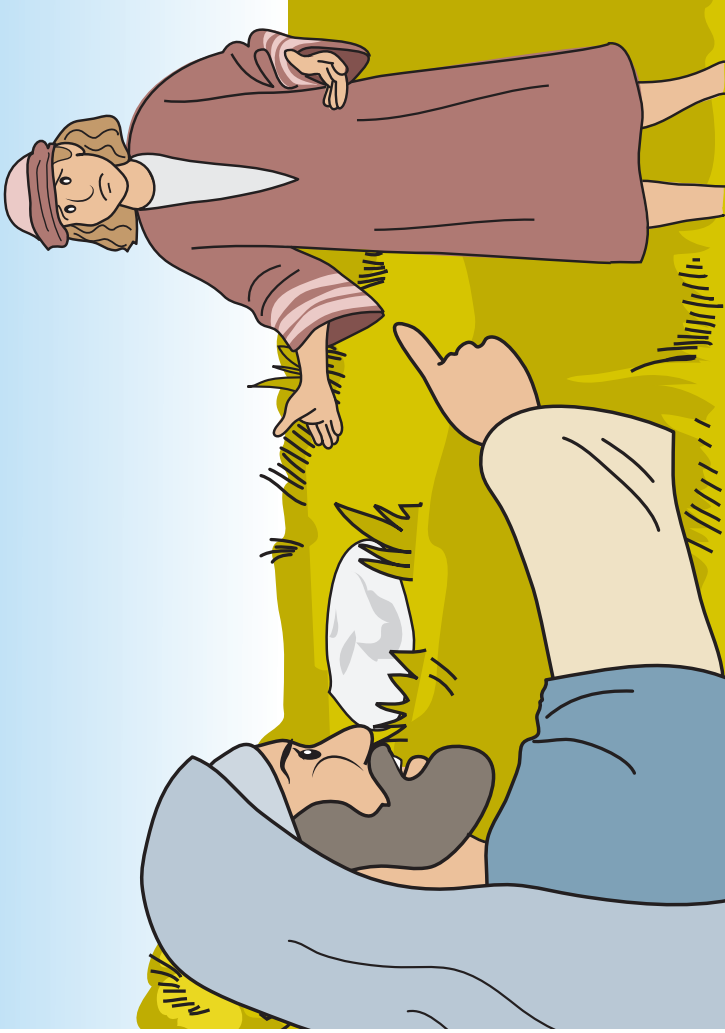
Share how God's word is a priceless treasure we should want to tell others about. If your child made the treasure memory verse craft from the sermon on the mount lesson, you could reference it. Additionally, you may create new "treasure" by asking friends or family for their favorite verses and adding them.

Ask your child if there is something they really want? A particular toy? What would your child do with that treasure if they received it? Would they dig a hole, hide it away and tell nobody about it, or would they use it, tell everyone about it and keep it safe?

God has given each of us a talent. Share that a talent in the Bible was a weight. Probably around 33kg. Try and weigh out objects on your bathroom scale to the weight of a talent. Share how even one talent of gold or silver was very precious. We should never look down on the gifts God gives us.

What are ways that we can use our talents to honor God? If we sing, we can honor God by singing songs that praise Him. If we draw, we can draw pictures of Bible stories. If we cook, we can make food for those who are sick. Just like the two good servants, we need to use our talents wisely.

Thank God for the treasure of His Son. Ask him to help you use your talents to share this treasure with others.



When the master returned, he was very happy with the first two servants.

He gave them even more things.

But he was angry with the third man, because he was lazy and did nothing.

The third servant left with nothing.



The Parable of the Talents

One day, Jesus told a story to teach people to use their gifts.

A man was going on a long journey.

He called his servants to ask them to take care of his things while he was gone.



He gave the first servant five talents of money..

He gave the second man two talents.

He gave the third man one talent.

Each servant was given something precious.



The first servant, with five talents used his money and got five more.

The second servant used his two talents and made two more.

The third servant, dug a hole and hid the talent. He was afraid of losing it.

Games and Activities

Talent show

There are several ways to prepare a talent show at home or church. It is always better to give some notice. For example, at church you could mention the previous week. At home, mention in the morning for the evening. Create a stage and some snacks. Talents don't need to be live either. Children could prepare art to bring with them.



Hide the treasure

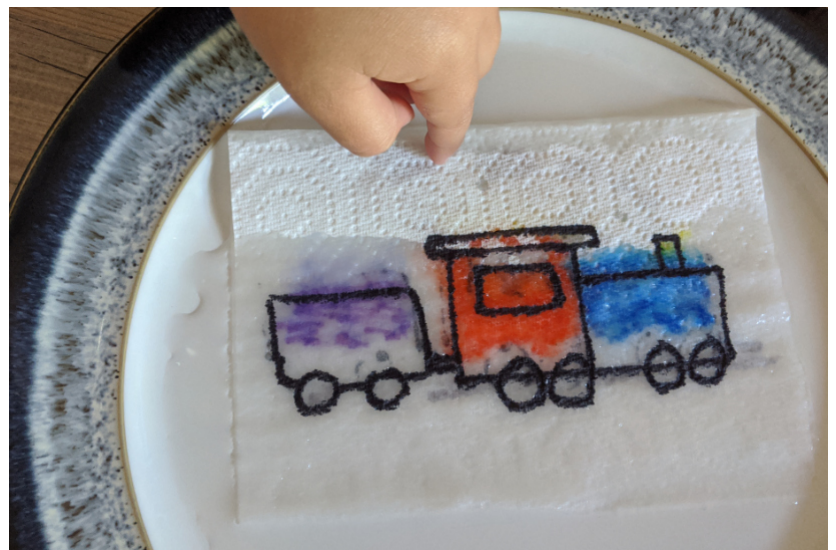
Choose an object to be the treasure. Take turns to hide it somewhere and to try and find it.

If you have soil or sand available. You could also take turns to bury the treasure before the others try to find the buried treasure.


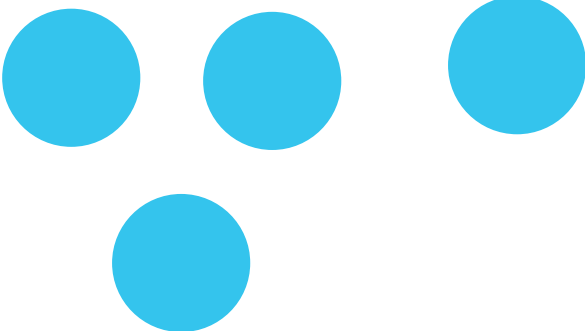
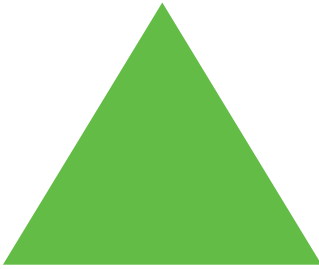
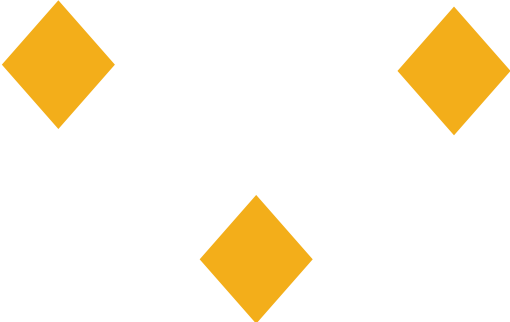


Kitchen Roll Magic Drawing

You may have seen these online. If not, search as a video will explain it more clearly. You will need felt pens, Kitchen paper, a plain plate, and a little water. Fold the paper in half. On the inside of the fold draw a picture or message. Fold to hide. When your child puts the paper in the water, it will reveal the message. Share how God does not want us to hide your gifts.



Double the shapes

Give each servant the correct number of Talents



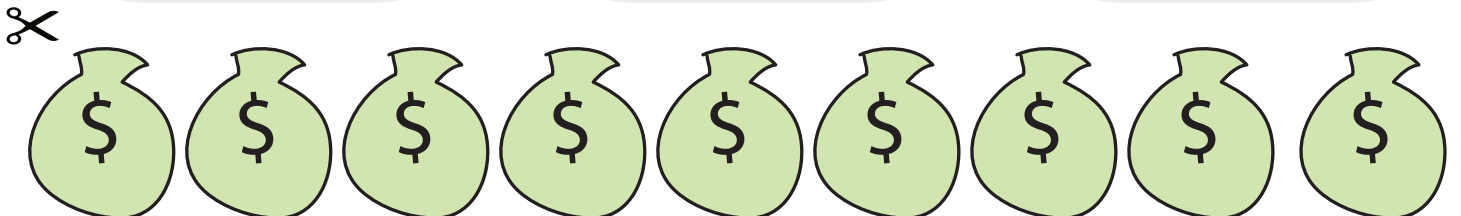
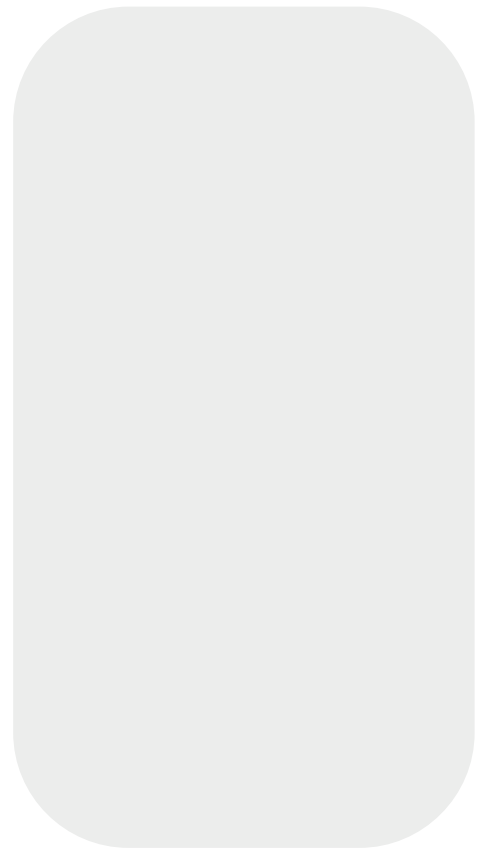
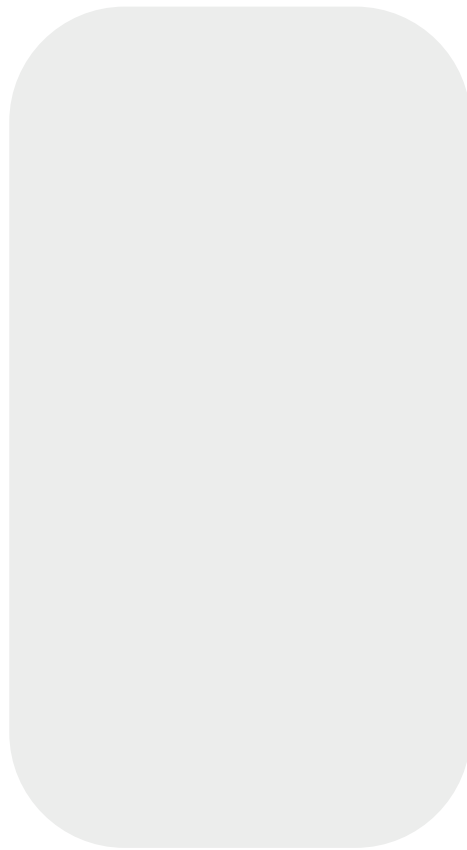
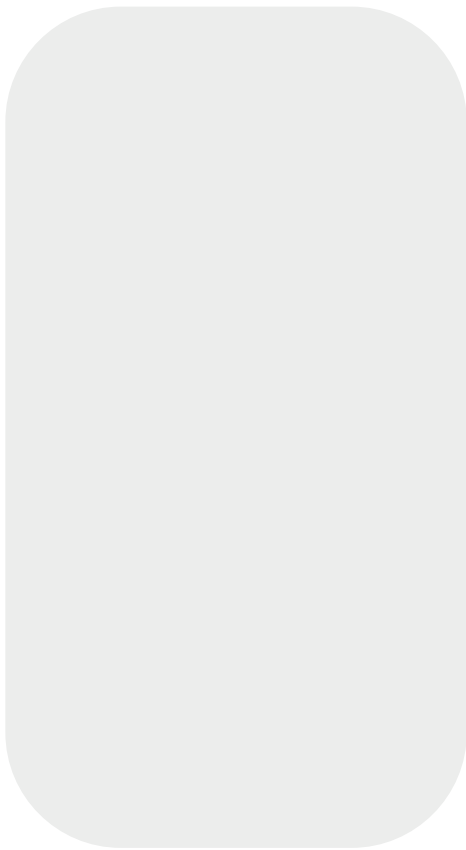
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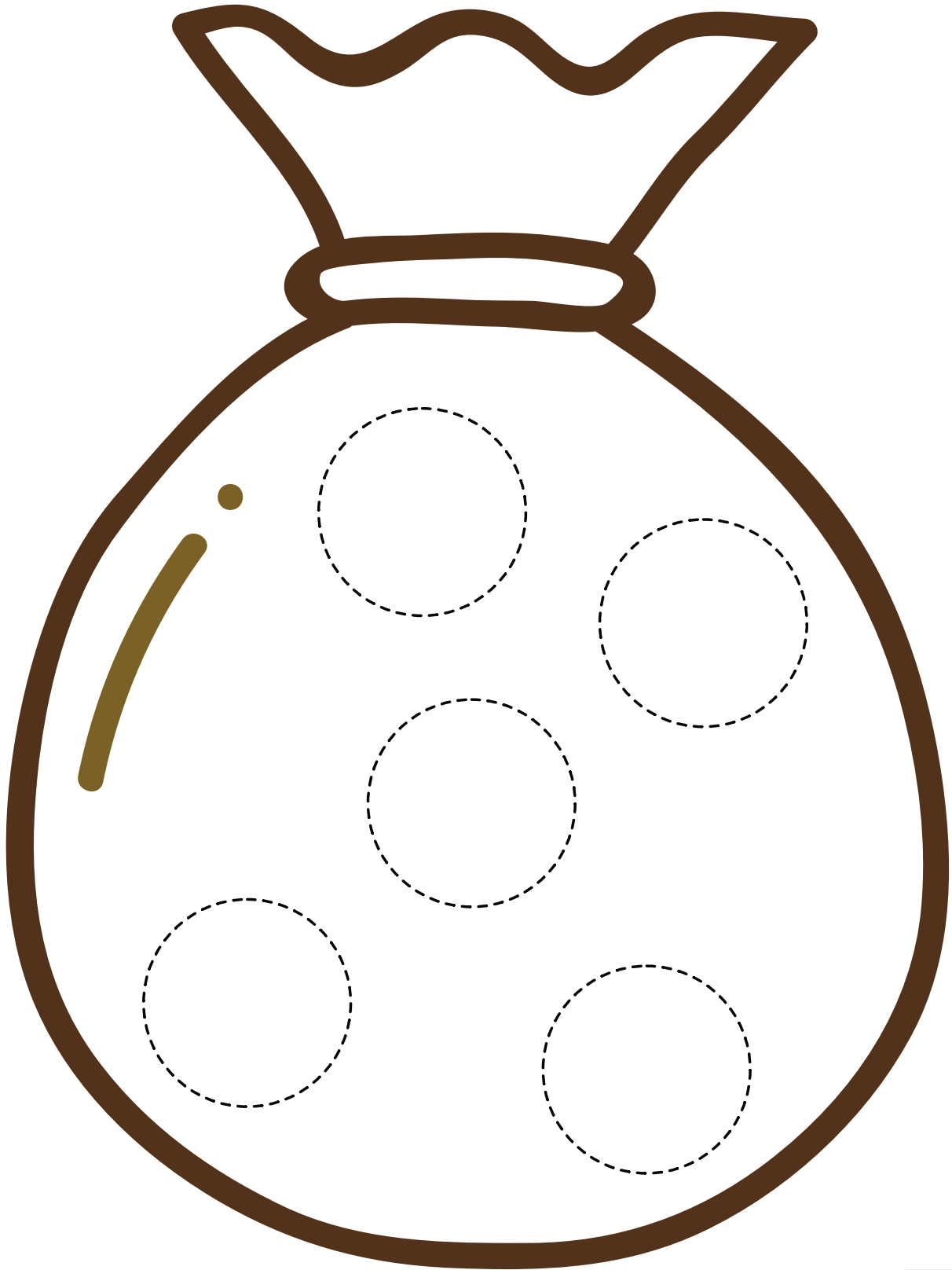


Circle the things you enjoy



How can you use your gifts to serve God and others?

Trace and color the coins



How many coins are in the bag?

Talent bag



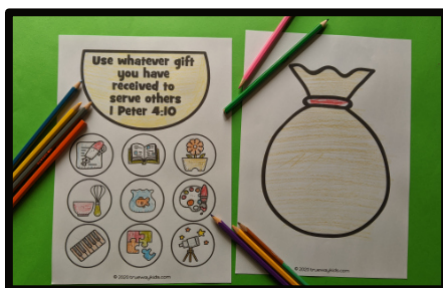
What you need:

Template pages, Coloring pencils, Scissor, Glue and Ribbon

Activity

Turn this craft into an activity by rewarding your child with the coin for using their talent throughout the week. For example: If they do some gardening, give them the gardening coin. If they cook something, reward them with the cooking coin.

What to do



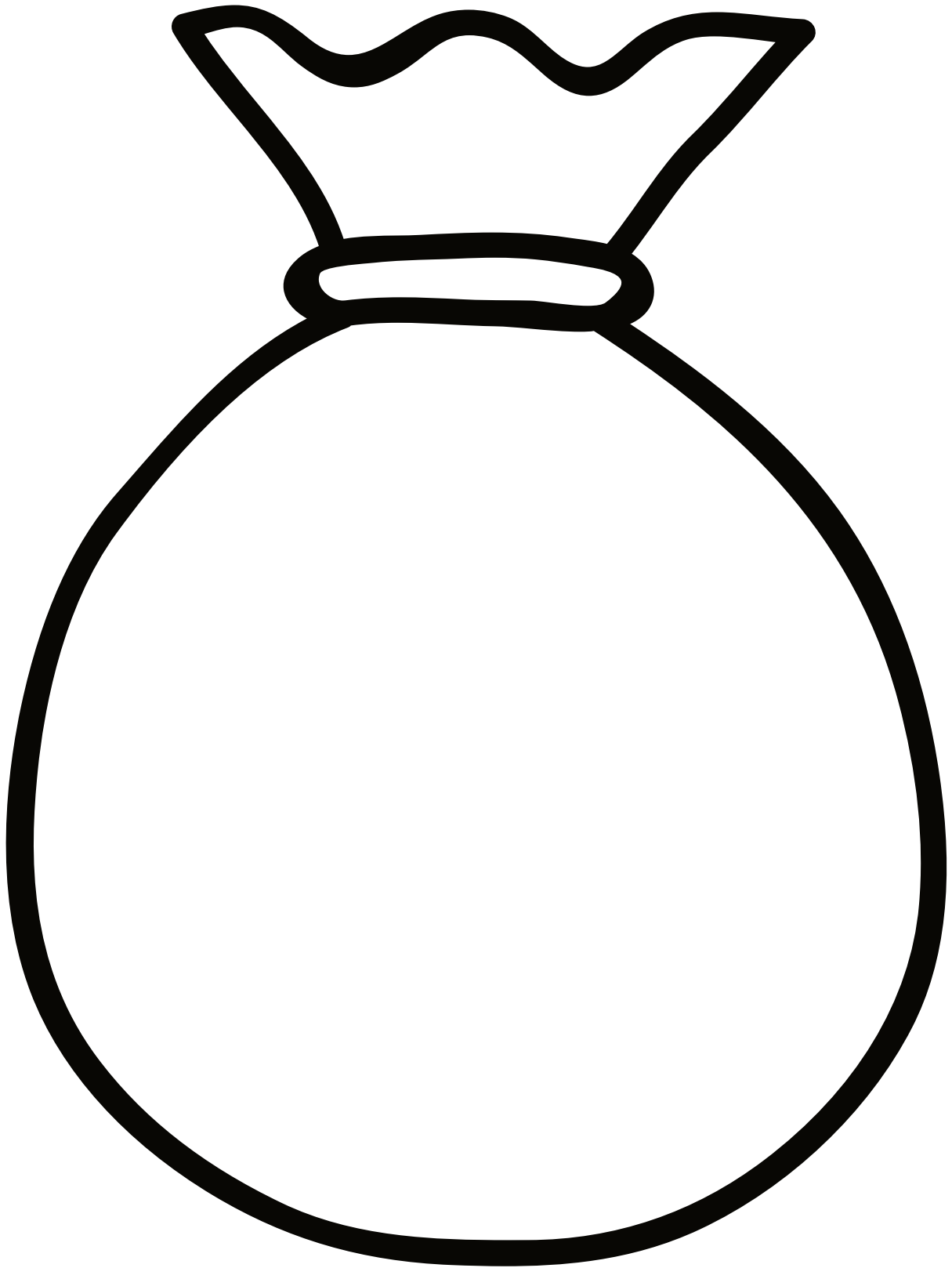
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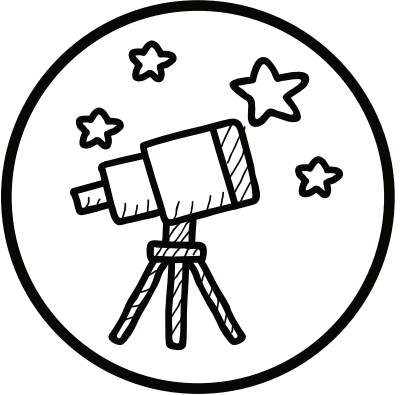
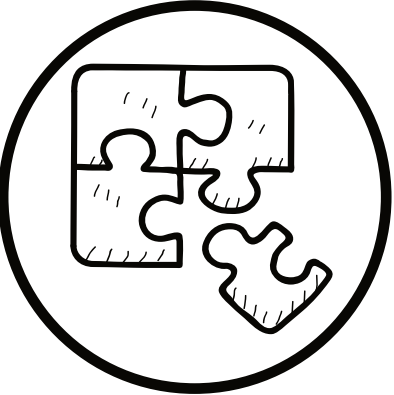
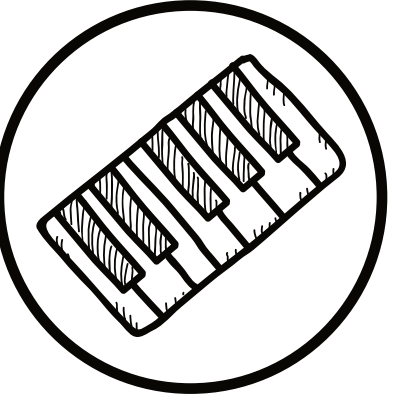
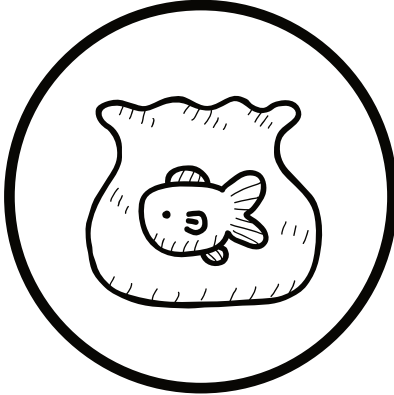
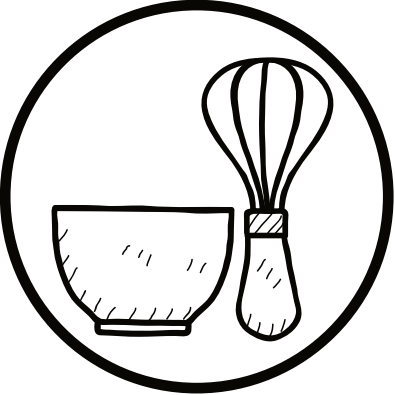
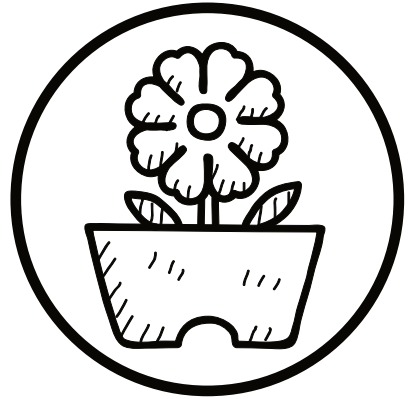
Cut around the bag and coins. Glue on front of bag.



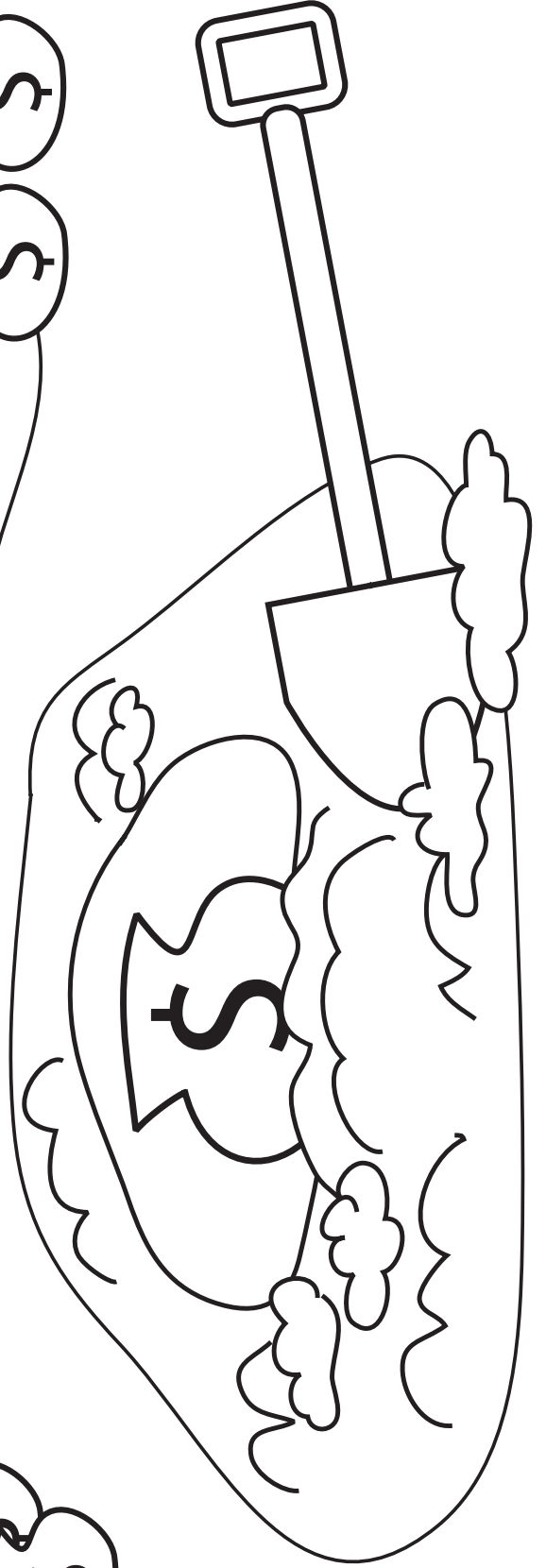
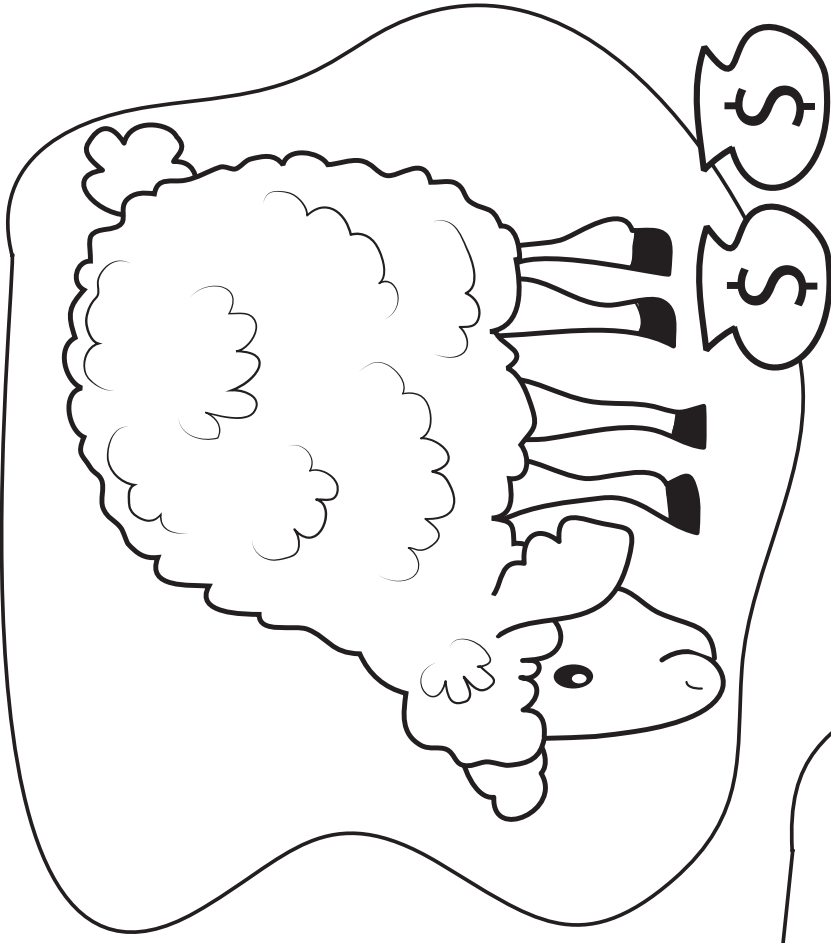
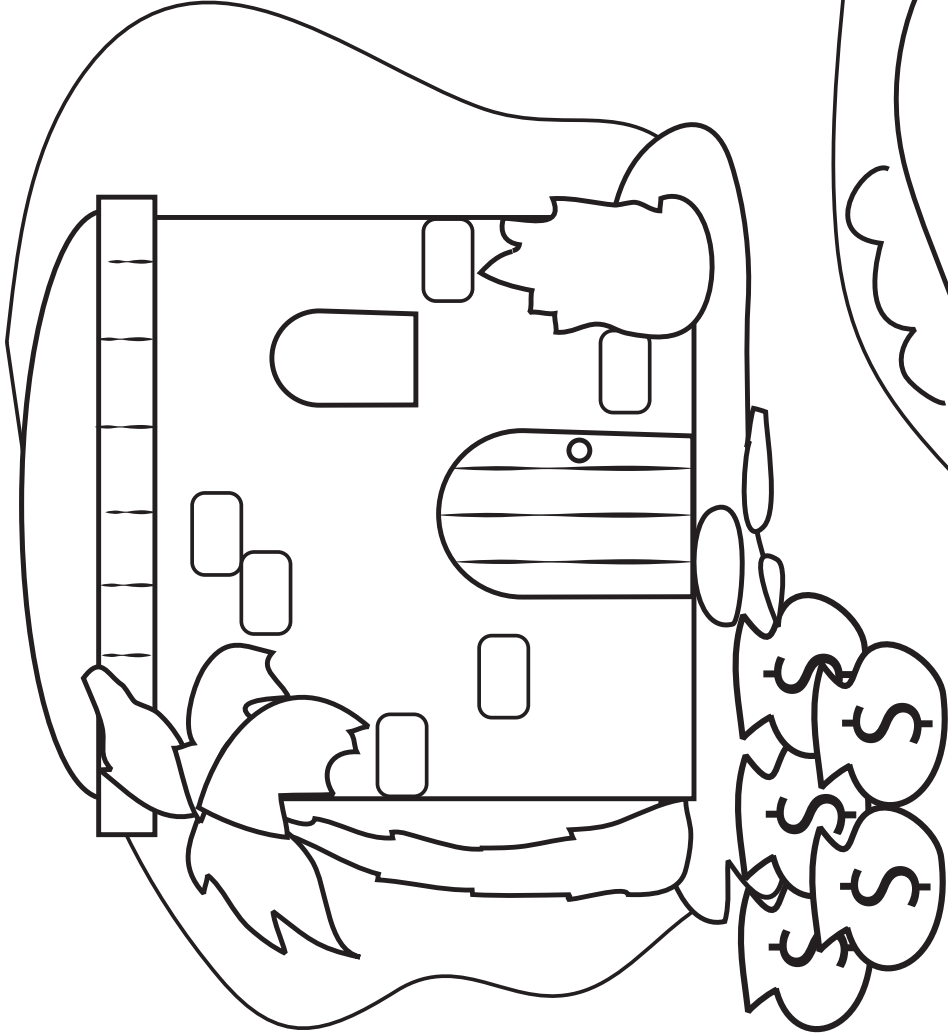
Tie ribbon onto bag. Collect coins.

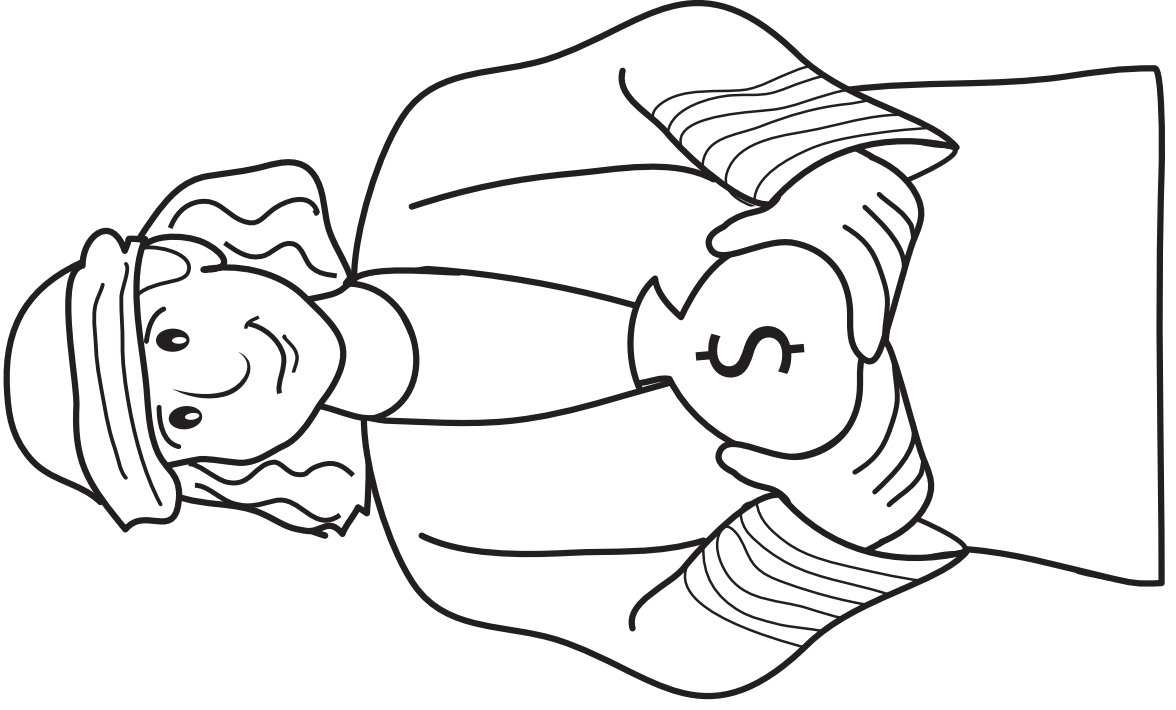
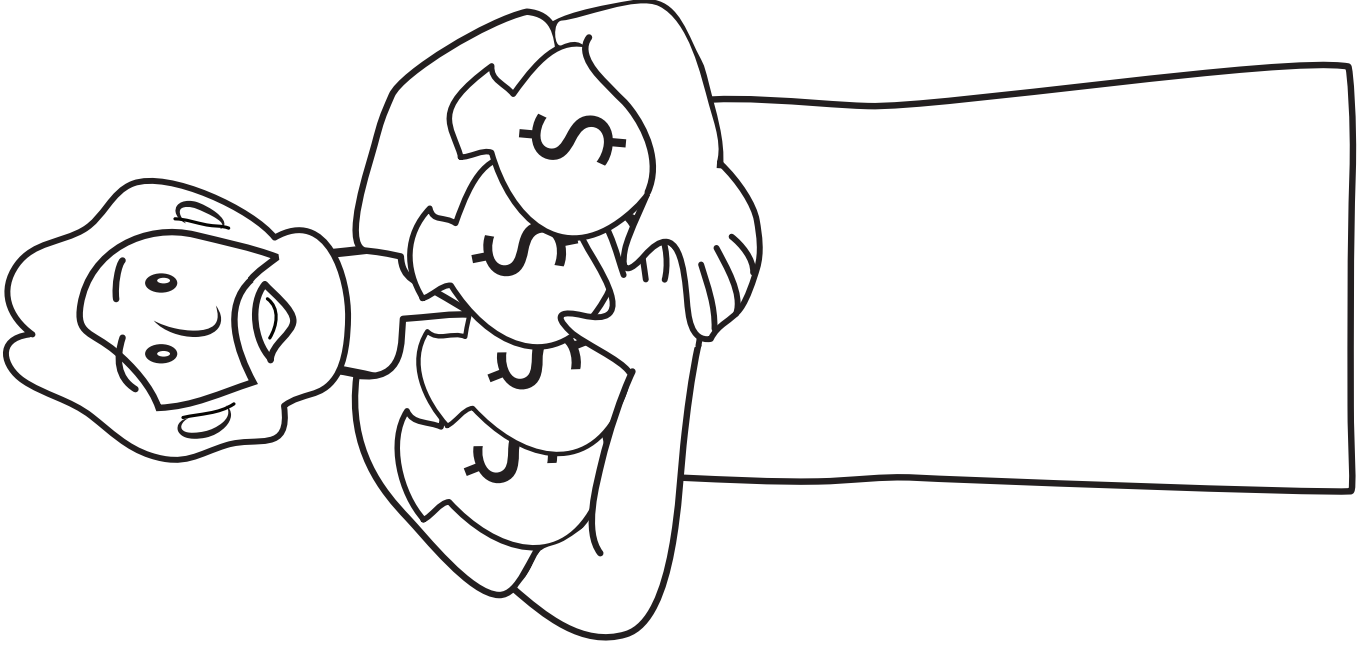
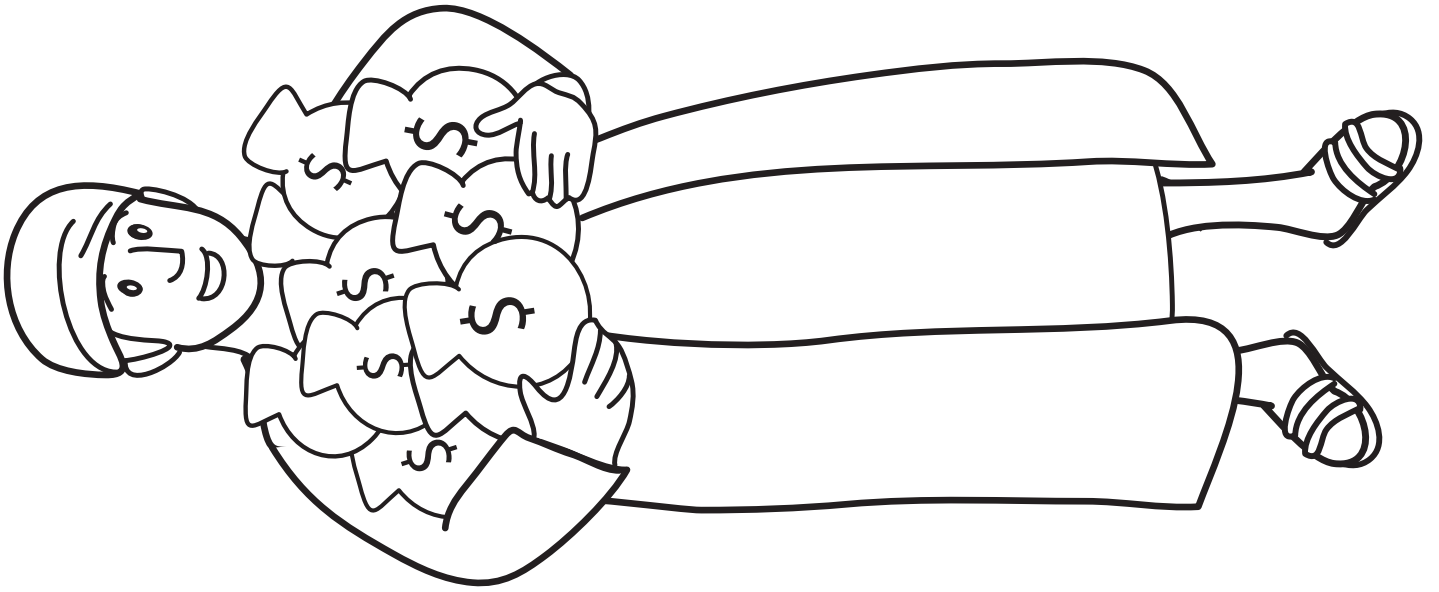


**Use whatever gift
you have
received to
serve others
I Peter 4:10**











Worship Time

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The Parable of the Talents - story

https://youtu.be/_rlc05AKP3w

I Give You My Heart

<https://youtu.be/AICgDI4WINY>

This Little Light Of Mine

<https://youtu.be/cKkbIZtqhyQ>

Made For This

<https://youtu.be/jVKu0i3YEAM>



Prayer

Thank God for the gifts He has given you.

Ask Him to help you to use them to serve Him and others.

Next Week

The Parable of the Great Feast

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