

Year A - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Because you have been faithful in small matters, come into the joy of your master.



Jesus told his disciples this story about the kingdom of God:

The kingdom is like what happened when a man went away and put his three servants in charge of all he owned. The man knew what each servant could do. So he handed five thousand coins to the first servant, two thousand to the second, and one thousand to the third. Then he left the country.

Some time later the master of those servants returned. He called them in and asked what they had done with his money. The servant who had been given 5,000 coins brought them in with the 5,000 that he had earned. He said, "Sir, you gave me 5,000 coins, and I have earned 5,000 more."

"Wonderful!" his master replied, "You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!"



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Be Ready



Introduction • This week Jesus tells us that we must make the best use of the gifts God has given us.

Message

- In some translations of this parable, the word coin is translated as 'talent'. A 'talent' was a unit of currency, and it would have taken a labourer about 15-20 years to earn one talent.
- Matthew uses this parable about the three servants to remind us that just as the servants were given different amounts of coins, God gives each of us different gifts so that we can work together and share our abilities.
- We are responsible for making sure we use each of our gifts from God wisely, generously, and for the benefit of others.

Discussion

- Begin by checking with the children if there are any words or phrases that they don't understand. Also check if there are any words or phrases that stood out for them
- I wonder who/what the different parts in today's parable represent: master (God); servants (us); coins (the gifts/abilities/talents God gives each of us)
- When we love someone, we sometimes give them a gift, something special for them to use and enjoy.
- I wonder what special gifts God has given you
- I wonder why God has given you these special gifts
- I wonder what God wants you to do with your gifts

