Kidz World's Church at Home 'REVEALED' – The Parable of The Talents

FUN TIME: "Your Hidden Talents"

What You Will Do: Encourage a discussion about some interesting skills your kids may have (e.g., tongue rolling, wiggling ears, doing a cartwheel, whistling, etc.). Say: God also gives us unique gifts and talents. What are some of your hidden talents? Can you show or describe it to us? Look at how many different and unique talents we have here! What a creative God we have!

BIBLE TIME:

God made each and every one of you to have your own unique gifts, abilities, interests, and talents, and God wants you to do amazing things with them because God made you to do great things.

In this month's series, "Revealed," we have been learning that Jesus tells parables, or stories, that have hidden meanings - a meaning that is super important for all of us to understand. Today, Let's take a look at the parable of the talents.

READ: Matthew 25:14-30

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them



- 1. What did the master (or boss) in today's story want his workers to do with the coins he gave to them?
- 2. What did the master say to the first two workers?
- 3. Why was the boss angry that the third worker buried his coins?
- 4. What did God give us that is represented by the bags of coins?
- 5. How can you grow the talents you do have?

REAL TIME: Let's go over this story again. So, two of the workers took the money they were taking care of and they went and earned more money with it. This made the boss super happy! But the third worker was afraid he might lose the boss's money, so he took it and buried it to keep it safe. **Was the boss happy with that worker?** No! The boss was seriously angry! He trusted the worker with something great, and the servant didn't do anything worthwhile with it.

What does this mean for us? God hasn't given us bags of cash, but God has given us all kinds of abilities, interests, gifts, and unique characteristics that make us who we are. Maybe God made you really kind and understanding. Maybe God made you to be a good listener. Maybe God made you really strong or really fast. God made some of you to be interested in art, and others in sports or in gaming. God doesn't want you to hide any of these things. God made you to do great things. So, He wants you to use those talents to show others His goodness!

Read Ephesians 2:10 (NIRV). The first part of this verse —"We are God's creation" means God made us. We are no accident. We are valuable because God doesn't make junk! The "to do great things" part of this verse also shows up in Ephesians 2:10: "...to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." God wants us to do great things and that is why God has made us who we are! Let's pray.

PRAYER TIME: "Dear God, please help each one of us discover the gifts You gave us when You created us, and show us how to use them to do great things. We want to use our greatness to show Your love to others. In Jesus' Name, amen!"

"We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do..." ~ Ephesians 2:10 (NIRV)