

# Parable of the Talents

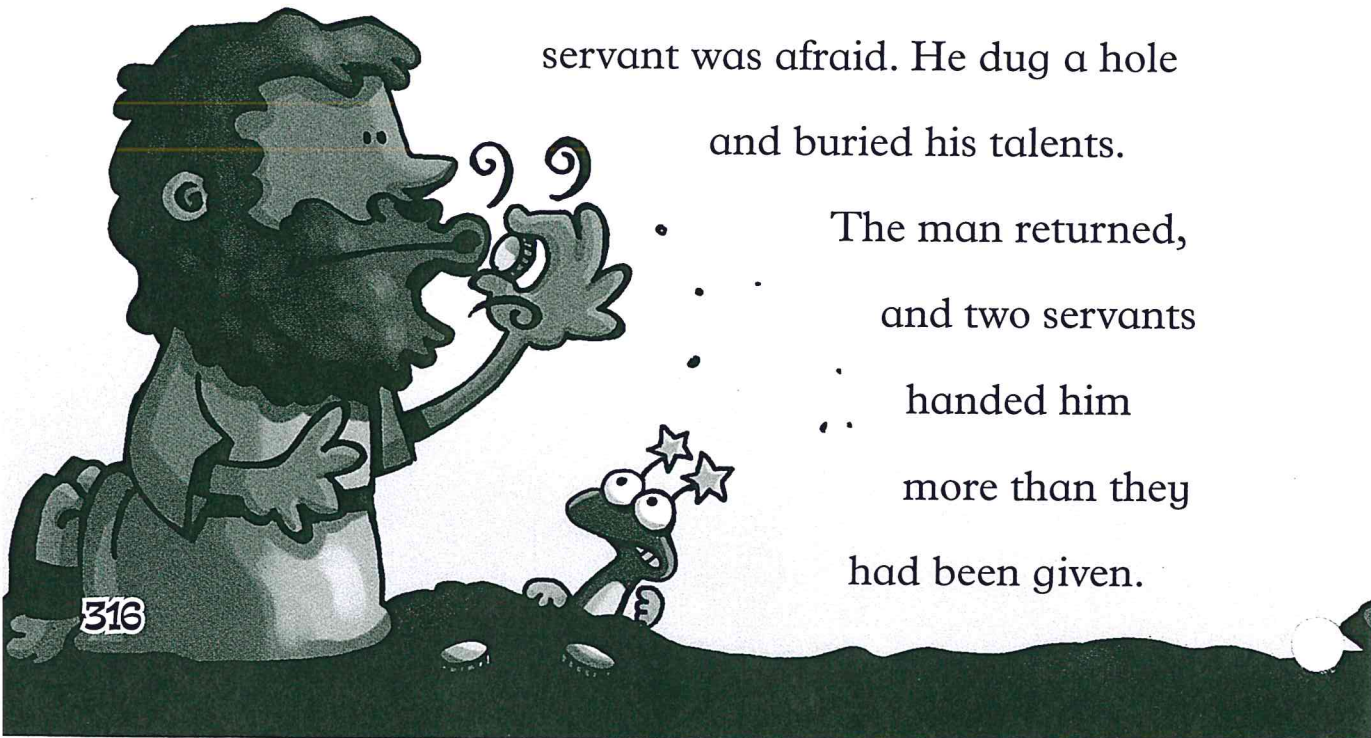
Jesus told a story about using the gifts God gives us.

A man was going on a trip. "I need someone to take care of my money," he thought. He called his servants and handed each of them some talents.

"Take care of this money while I'm away," he said.

Two of the servants went to the market. They traded their talents and made more. One servant was afraid. He dug a hole and buried his talents.

The man returned, and two servants handed him more than they had been given.



“Good job,” the man said. “You shall have more.”

The third servant brushed the dirt from his talents.

“I was afraid,” he said. “I buried my talent.”

“Give your talents to the others,” the man said.

“You did not use what I gave you. I will not give you anymore.”

★ Smile at five people today.  
If they smile back, you now  
have ten smiles!

