

## WHY DID GOD GIVE ME GIFTS?

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### Bible Readings

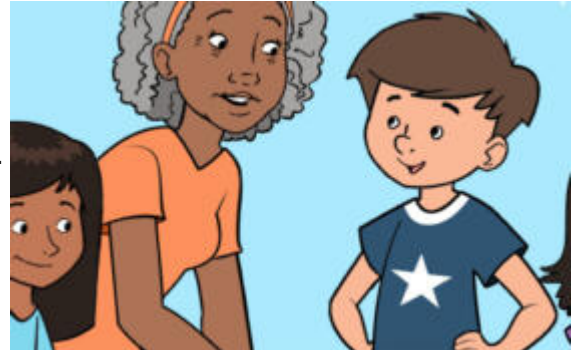
Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Matthew 25:14-30

### Memory Verse

<sup>23</sup> “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!”

Matthew 25:23



## CASEY'S DAY

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In the Bible, Jesus tells a story about three people who receive gifts. The gifts aren't equal, but the gift giver wanted each of the three people to use their gifts to help others, not just for themselves.

It's important to remember that—like the three people in the story—our gifts are from God.

Take a moment to think about some of the gifts that God has given you. What are you especially good at? What are some of your favorite things that you own? What are some more things that you are thankful for?

Each of these things is called a blessing, and even though you may have earned those gifts by practicing hard, by doing chores, or by following rules, they're ultimately gifts that belong to God.

More importantly, though, God doesn't want us to keep our gifts to ourselves. He wants us to help others who may not have the same skills that we do. He wants us to share our possessions with our friends as well

as those we don't know. When we do those things, God can see that we're following him.

When we use our gifts to help others, we're telling God we are thankful for what he gave us. And, even if it feels like the gifts we have to offer are small, God has already rewarded us with the greatest gift of all: his Son, Jesus.

## Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to remember that everything I have is from you. Help me find ways to use my talents to serve others. Help me have the patience to share what I have with others too. Thank you for sharing all that you have with me and for sending the gift of your Son. Amen.

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