



Preparing the Sunday Gospel—for November 19, 2017 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable about Three Servants

Proclaim: Mt. 25:14-30



Questions/Process:

1. In this Gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable. What is a parable? *(A story Jesus told that has a hidden meaning.)*
2. What did the man give to his three servants? *(vs. 14-15)*
3. Why do you think he give each one a different amount? *(vs. 14-15)*
4. What did each servant do with the coins? *(vs. 16-18)*
5. What happened when the man returned? What did he say & do to each servant? *(vs. 19-28)*
6. What do you think Jesus is trying to tell us in this parable?
7. Explain that God gives us each gifts to use to serve God & help others.
8. What are some gifts we might have? *(Help children name people, talents, abilities, things, etc., that are gifts.)*
9. List the gifts the children name.
10. Go through the list & ask: How might God want us to use or treat this gift? Write their answers next to gift.
11. Ask students to think & write: What gift do you have that you can use to serve God & help others this week?
12. Lead a prayer thanking God for his gifts to us & asking him to help us use those gifts as he wants us to use them.
13. Close by praying the “Glory Be” together.



“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