"A woman who is good is more precious than jewels."
Proverbs 31:10
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: “Once there was a man going on a long journey. He called the servants together and put each one in charge of some money. One of the servants received $100, another received $200 and another $500. The one who received $500 went out quickly and put the money to good use and earned another $500 for the owner. The one who received $200, earned $200 more. But the man who had $100 buried it in the ground. When the owner came home from the journey, the first servant came and said, ‘Here is your money. You gave me $500 to take care of, but I have earned $500 more for you.’ “The owner said, ‘You are a good and faithful servant. Because you have done so well, I will put you in charge of even more. Come; be happy with me.’ Then the second servant came and said, ‘Here is your money. You gave me $200 to take care of, but I have earned $200 more for you.’ The owner said, ‘You are a good and faithful servant. Because you have done so well, I will put you in charge of even more. Come; be happy with me.’ Finally, the man who had been given the $100 came and said, ‘I know that you are a very strict man and that you always want more money than you give. I was afraid of losing your money, so I buried it in the ground until you came back. Here is the $100 you gave me.’ But the owner said, ‘You are a very lazy man! You knew that I wanted you to earn more money for me, and yet, you only buried it in the ground. You are not a good servant, and you cannot work for me anymore!’ Then the owner said to another servant, ‘Take the $100 from this man and give it to the man who already has earned $500. Then take this lazy man out to be punished!’” This is the Good News of the Lord.

What Do You Think?

1. Why do you think the man sent away the servant? Do you think he really was a lazy servant?

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2. What do you think Jesus is trying to tell us with this parable?

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Activity: Your Talents

God has given us all talents and abilities. Jesus said that if we use what we have, we'll be given more. Draw and colour a picture of yourself using your talent to serve others!


By The Way:

God wrote the Bible for all people. Imagine if you went to your computer and found an email from God. What do you think it would say? Although God hasn’t sent you an email, he has sent you a letter! It is the Bible. Through the stories and readings in the Bible, God talks to us. Throughout the whole Bible, God tells us how much he loves us. There are so many examples in the whole Bible that show us how much he loves us and is there for us. Now you know that whenever you are scared or feel alone, God is always there with you no matter what. Just read his letter to you as proof if you do forget!


"... the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night... let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake..."

1 Thessalonians 5:1,6
Boredom Busters: Prayer Plates

Do you pray before some of your meals at home or at school? Often times we like to do this because then we can thank God for all of the good food that we have been given. Many people in the world do not have food so it is important that we thank God for all that we have been given. Think of your favourite prayer (or research one) for before or after a meal and use it to make the craft below! You can make more than one for some of your friends or family too!

Materials:
- Paper Plate
- Paper
- Crayons or Markers
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:
- First, think of your prayer. Write it down or print it out from the computer with some help!
- Then cut it out and glue it to the paper plate.
- Decorate the plate and the prayer!
- Use this prayer for before or after you eat your meals!
- Make some more for your friends or family!

"...you are my God. I give you thanks and praise your name."
Psalm 63