

# Family Faith at Home



## *Make Sunday Come Alive All Week!*

The Department of Youth Faith Formation wants to help and your whole family explore God's Word in your lives. Each week we will be sending out this resource which can help you reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings with your entire family.

Here are some ideas on how to use this resource:

- Consider reading one of the mass readings each evening.
- Do the discussion questions after dinner one night.
- Watch the video on a different night.
- Pray the prayer each evening.



## *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **Mass Readings:**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

*Readings can also be found at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

## *Discuss*

After reading the Sunday readings, discuss as a family:

1. Think about the man who buried his one talent. What was the reason he gave for doing that?
2. Think about the two men who doubled what they were given. They had the same master and, yet, they took a chance and made a profit. What do you think was different about these two men compared to the one who was given one talent?
3. Think about the gifts God has given you. How can you use them to praise God and build up His kingdom?
4. What gifts or talents does your family have to offer? In other words, what can you do as a family to share your gifts and serve God's kingdom?

## *Share:*

In this parable, Jesus describes how a man, who is leaving for a journey, entrusts his possessions to his servants while he is away. In the time of Jesus, a "talent" was a measuring unit for gold and silver. Today we think of a "talent" as something one can do well, like sing, play an instrument, or play a sport. When we think about this parable of the talents, rather than think of them as money, consider the things God has entrusted to each one of us. The man in the story gave his servants talents so his business would prosper and grow while he was away. God has given each one of us special qualities, gifts or talents, in order to build up His kingdom on earth. We should remember not to hide or fail to use these talents because each person is unique and has a special role to play in the building up of God's kingdom.

## *Watch*

For families with small children, watch the Parable of the Talents either [here](#) and [here](#).

For older children, watch [Bishop Robert Barron's commentary here](#).

## *Pray*

Dear Lord, help our family to see the talents God has given each one of us. We pray that we are like the servants who doubled what they were given and were rewarded by sharing in their master's joy. May we always use our gifts to give you praise, serve others, and build up your kingdom on earth. We ask this through your Son, Jesus our Lord. Amen!

## *Do*

Ask family members to share what they see as special gifts, skills, or talents in each another. Think of some ways these talents can be used for the building up of God's kingdom.

