

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 218: A STORY ABOUT INVESTING
LUKE 19:11-27

As the crowd listened to what he was saying, Jesus went on to tell a story. He was now near Jerusalem and knew that the people thought it was almost time for God's kingdom to come. So he said, "A very important man was preparing to go to a country far away to be made a king. Then he planned to return home and rule his people. So he called ten of his servants together. He gave a bag of money to each servant. He said, 'Do business with this money until I come back.' But the people in the kingdom hated the man. They sent a group to follow him to the other country. There they said, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' "But the man was made king. When he came home, he said, 'Call those servants who have my money. I want to know how much more money they earned with it.' The first servant came and said, 'Sir, I earned ten bags of money with the one bag you gave me.' The king said to him, 'That's great! You are a good servant. I see that I can trust you with small things. So now I will let you rule over ten of my cities.' "The second servant said, 'Sir, with your one bag of money I earned five bags.' The king said to this servant, 'You can rule over five cities.' "Then another servant came in and said to the king, 'Sir, here is your bag of money. I wrapped it in a piece of cloth and hid it. I was afraid of you because you are a hard man. You even take money that you didn't earn and gather food that you didn't grow.' "Then the king said to him, 'What a bad servant you are! I will use your own words to condemn you. You said that I am a hard man. You said that I even take money that I didn't earn and gather food that I didn't grow. If that is true, you should have put my money in the bank. Then, when I came back, my money would have earned some interest.' Then the king said to the men who were watching, 'Take the bag of money away from this servant and give it to the servant who earned ten bags of money.' "The men said to the king, 'But sir, that servant already has ten bags of money.' "The king said, For I say to you that to everyone who has something, more will be given to him. And for the one who doesn't have anything, even the things that he has will be taken away from him. Now where are my enemies? Where are the people who did not want me to be king? Bring my enemies here and kill them. I will watch them die.'"

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MEMORY VERSE:

"For I say to you that everyone who has something, more will be given to them. And from the one who doesn't have anything, even the things that he has will be taken from him." **LUKE 19:26**

Review Questions

True or False

1. A very important man was traveling far away to be made rich, and then to come back again.
2. So he called ten of his servants, and gave them each a bag of money, and told them 'Don't do anything with this money until I get back.'
3. And when he came back, after becoming a king, he said, 'Call those servants who have my money. I want to see how much more money they earned with it.'
4. The first man came and said, 'Sir, I haven't earned any money with the bag of money you gave me.'
5. The king told the first man, 'You are a good servant. I am going to put you in charge of ten of my cities.'

Questions

1. How much more money did the first man earn with his bag of money?
2. How much more money did the second man earn with his bag of money?
3. How much more money did the last man earn with his bag of money?
4. What did the last man do with his master's money?
5. What did the king do with the last man's bag of money?
6. What did the king tell his other servants when they said, 'Master, that man already has ten bags of money.'?
7. What did the king answer them? He said, "Those who _____ will be given _____, and those who don't _____, even the things that they have will be _____."

Lesson 218 Craft

The Treasure Chest

Use the pattern provided to make treasure chests for the children in your class. Explain to the children that God has given us a great treasure in His Son, Jesus Christ. Through Jesus we have salvation, a relationship with the almighty God of the Universe, abundant life, and the promise of eternity in heaven.

My Treasure

Have your class cut coins out of construction paper, (cardboard from cereal boxes works great with construction paper glued on them), or card stock, or cover pogs with aluminum foil.

Write on each of the coins, “Jesus loves you!” Have your children place their coins in the “treasure box” they just made.

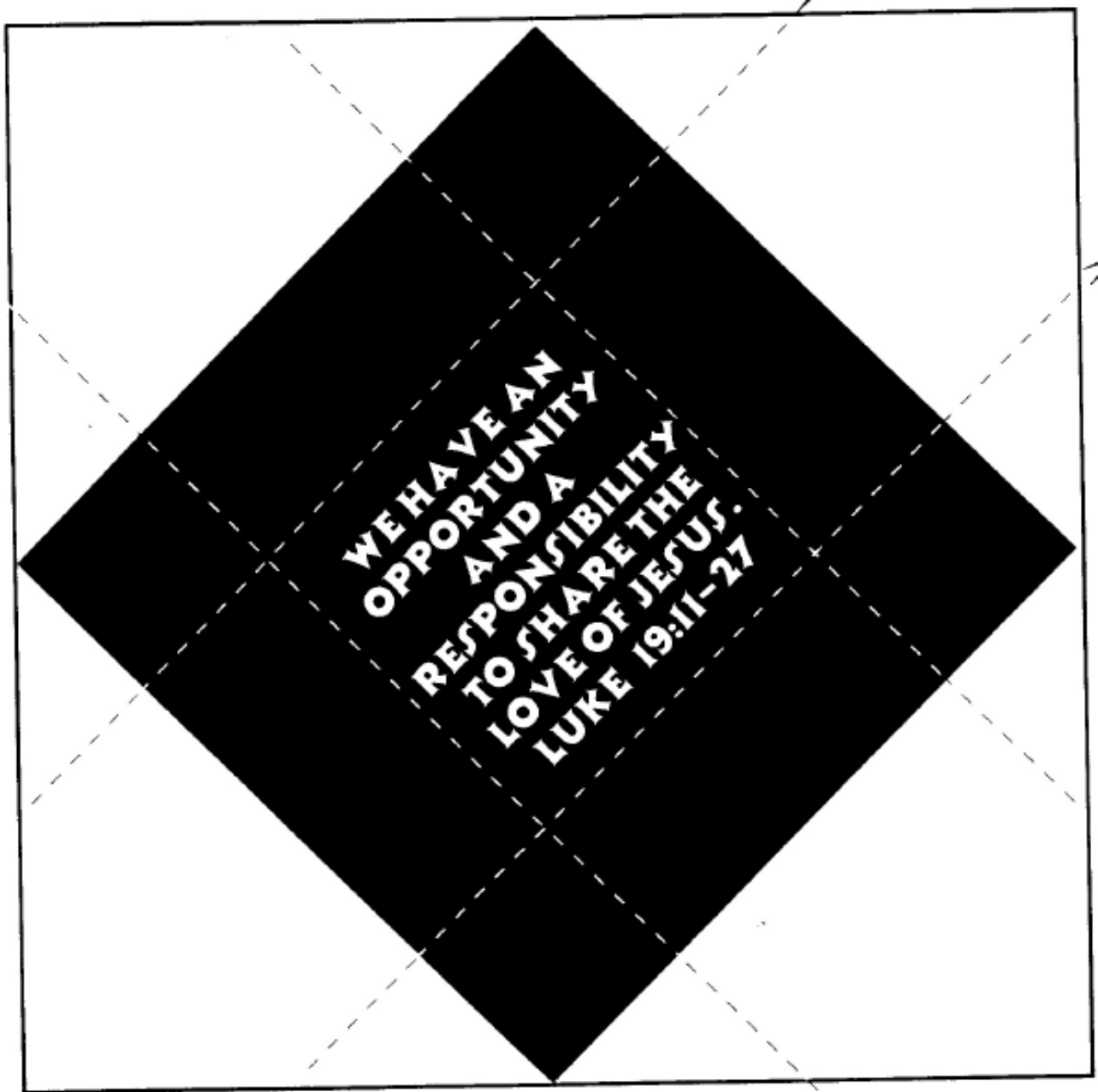
Explain to your class that Jesus has given each of us His love and His promise that He will never leave us or forsake us; He will always be there for us (Heb. 13:5). He has given us salvation, a relationship with the almighty God of the universe, abundant life, and the promise of eternity in heaven.

Challenge your children to invest the gospel in the lives of others, just like the faithful servants invested the minas entrusted to them by their master. Encourage your children to give these coins out of their “treasure box” to other people in their lives who do not have the “treasure” of a relationship with Jesus.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to live a life eager to share the love of Jesus with others. If any children have not responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.

Bottom of Box template



1. Cut out the outermost square (The white box part - Note which dotted lines are to be cut later.)
2. Turn the blank side of the paper facing up, with the black printed side down, and fold all four points (white corners) to the center. This should leave only a black square on the other side.
3. With the black side down, crease along each dotted line, opening back to step 2 after it is creased.
4. With the whole black square showing (step 2), cut on two parallel dotted lines stopping at the intersection (4 cuts total), but DO NOT cut into the innermost square.
5. Unfold the skinny sections completely. The little piece of the wider section should fit underneath the skinny section as you bring the sides up to make a little box.
6. Staple or tape to hold the box together.

Top of Box template

