



WEEK
TWO
JAN 2026

SMALL GROUP

Preschool

BIG IDEA

We can give back to God.

BIBLE

The Parable of the Bags of Gold:
Matthew 25:14-29

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Every person on a film crew is given a different job to do, and they all work together to make the best movie ever. This week, kids will hear Jesus share a story about some workers who were trusted with different amounts of gold. God gives everyone different gifts, and **we can give back to God** by making the most of our gifts!

LARGE GROUP

WORSHIP

INSTRUCTIONS: Invite the kids to worship with you. There are instruments and ribbons under the desk for you to use anytime. Please remind them:

- Worship is a way to show God how much you love Him and to thank Him for all He has done.
- Worship makes God happy. God loves it when we sing and pray to Him
- Please stand during worship and use inside walking feet only.

ACTIVITY | **Five, Two, One!**

INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity, choose a simple action like jumping jacks, clapping, spinning, hopping, or saying a silly sound like "boop!" Then, call out either the number five, two, or one, indicating that kids should do the chosen activity that many times. Practice all three numbers together slowly. Then, the numbers are called out increasingly faster and out of order. You may choose to repeat with a different movement.

- Great job at listening to the numbers and doing our moves today. Today's story has something to do with the numbers five, two, and one. You'll have to listen carefully!
- **Who's ready for today's story?**

BIBLE STORY | **The Parable of the Bags of Gold: Matthew 25:14-29**

INSTRUCTIONS: Instruct the kids to sit down and get ready for our Bible story. Pass out the fruit snacks, **remind them to hold their trash till the end of the story.** Play this week's Bible story.

Say, before the Video:

- It's time for the Big Picture! **Who likes watching movies?** Me too! Movies are a fun way to tell a story. Jesus, God's son, sometimes told stories called "**parables.**" Parables helped people learn true and important things about God.
- Today's Big Picture parable is about a wealthy man about to go on a very long trip.



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PRAYER

"Open shut them, open shut them, give your hands a clap. Open shut them, open shut them, place your hands in your lap"

- God, thank you for everything you have given us. Show us ways we can give back to you every day. Amen.

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ACTIVITY | Give to God Challenge

INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity, have kids follow the different actions you call out as you describe and act them out. Encourage kids to yell out new "ways to give to God."

- God gives us many things. Think about what you have in your life. A place to live? People to love? Things to do? Stuff to learn? There's so much!
- But just like we learned in today's Bible story, we can give back to God with what we have. Let's try doing that right now.
 - **If God gave us the gift of singing, what could we do? We could sing for God!** (Sing together a simple church song kids know.)
 - **If God gave us the gift of jumping, what could we do? We could jump for God!** (Jump as high as you can while shouting, "We love you, God!")
 - **If God gave us the gift of leading, what would we do? We could lead for God!** (Have kids form a train and walk around the room.)
 - **If God gave us the gift of love, what could we do? We could love others!** (Go around hugging all the kids.)
- **What other gift can we give to God?**

ACTIVITY | Memory Verse Motions

INSTRUCTIONS: Teach the new memory verse to the kids using motions. Go over the verse section by section and repeat a few times. Celebrate their effort.

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

1. **My sheep** – Point to self
2. **listen** – Cup hand around ear
3. **to my voice** – Point to mouth
4. **I know them** – Point to head, then hug yourself
5. **and they follow me** – March in place

👉 Repeat slowly, then faster, then whisper, then loud!



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CRAFT ACTIVITY | **Bags of Gold Craft**

INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity, give each kid a pouch and 3 gold circle stickers. Have them stick the gold labels inside the pouch outline. Kids can draw things they have or love to do with pencils to make them look like engravings on the labels. To finish it up, punch holes where indicated and help kids weave a length of yarn through the holes and knot the ends..

- We all have talents, and we have different talents. Some of us are really good at encouraging our friends, and some of us are great at math. Maybe your talent is making everyone laugh or baking amazing cookies. **What are some of your talents?**
- Our talents are not for us to hide and keep to ourselves but to share so we can give back to God.

EXTRA ACTIVITY | **Circle Time**

INSTRUCTIONS: Have kids sit in a circle. Use a bag of coins to pass around. As you ask the questions, whoever has the bag of coins gets to answer first.

- **The first worker in Jesus' parable took the five bags of gold, and did he make more or less?** More! He made five more bags of gold.
- **What about the worker who had two bags of gold? How many more bags did he make?** The second worker made two more bags of gold.
- **What did the third worker do with his one bag of gold?** He dug a hole and buried it in the ground.
- **What can we give back to God?** Everything! The gifts God has given us –things we have or things we love to do – we can use them for God.
- **Who can give back to God? We can give back to God!**