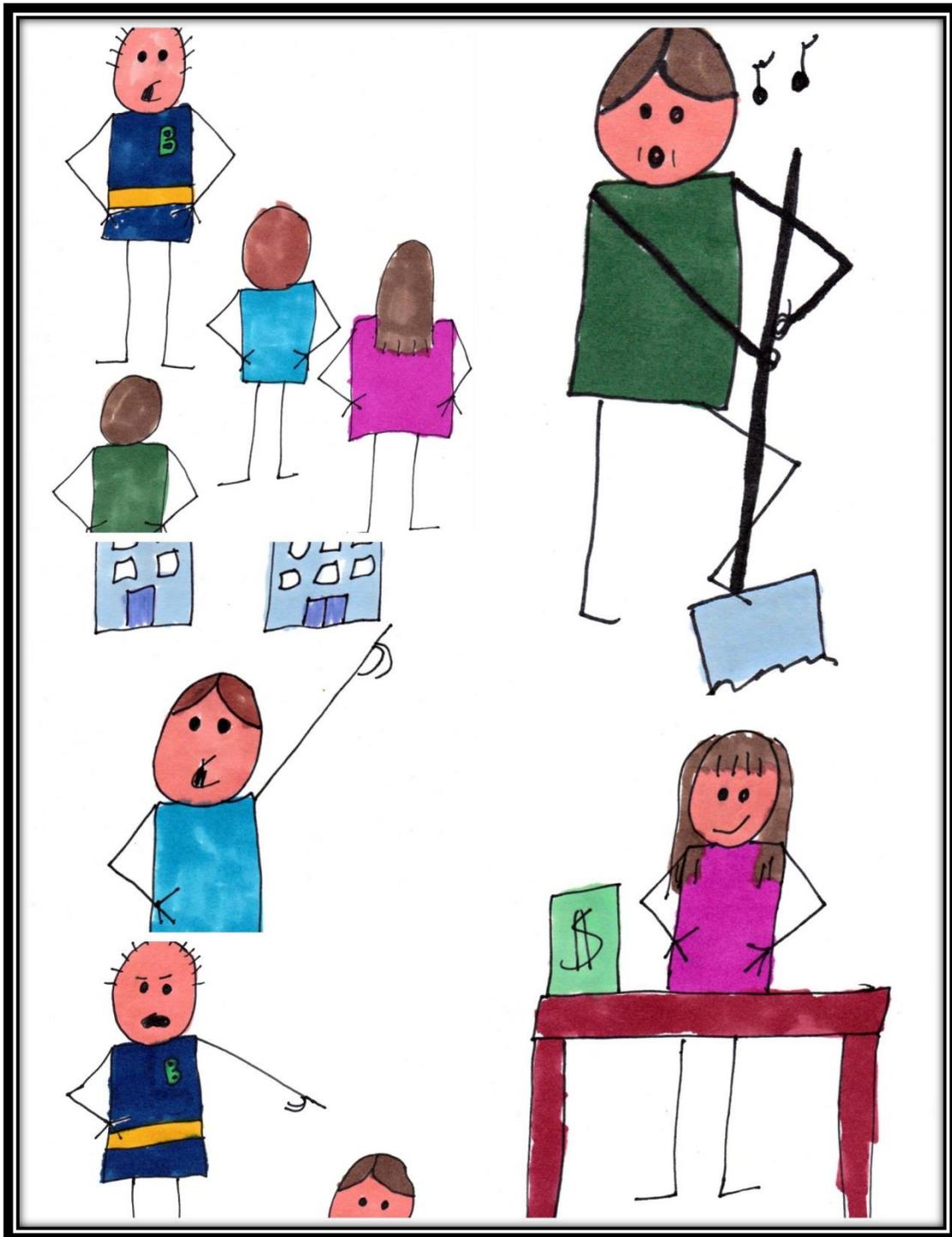
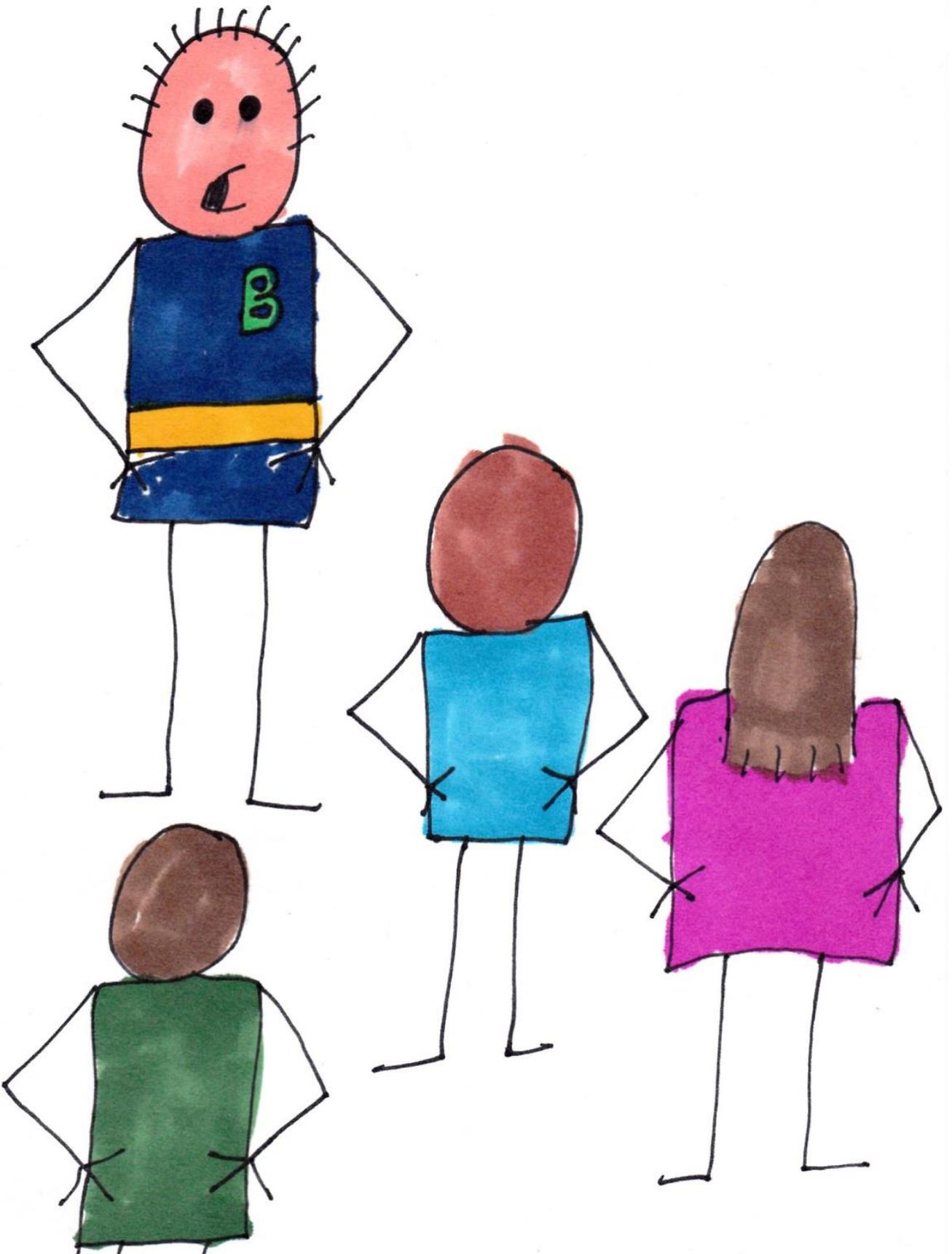


Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30





Once there was a man going on a journey.
Before he left he called all of his servants together.

To one servant he gave 5 talents, to another 2 talents, and to the last servant he gave a single talent. Each was given according to his ability.

Does everyone know what a talent is? A talent was between a few thousand to a hundred thousand dollars in today's terms.



After the master had left, the man with five talents went out and did business.

The man with five talents invested in several small businesses. He bought an apartment building. He worked very hard.

When it came time for his master to come back he had grown those five talents into ten talents

His master looked at all his hard work and said, “Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with little; I will put you in charge of many things.” He invited the servant to a special party later that day.

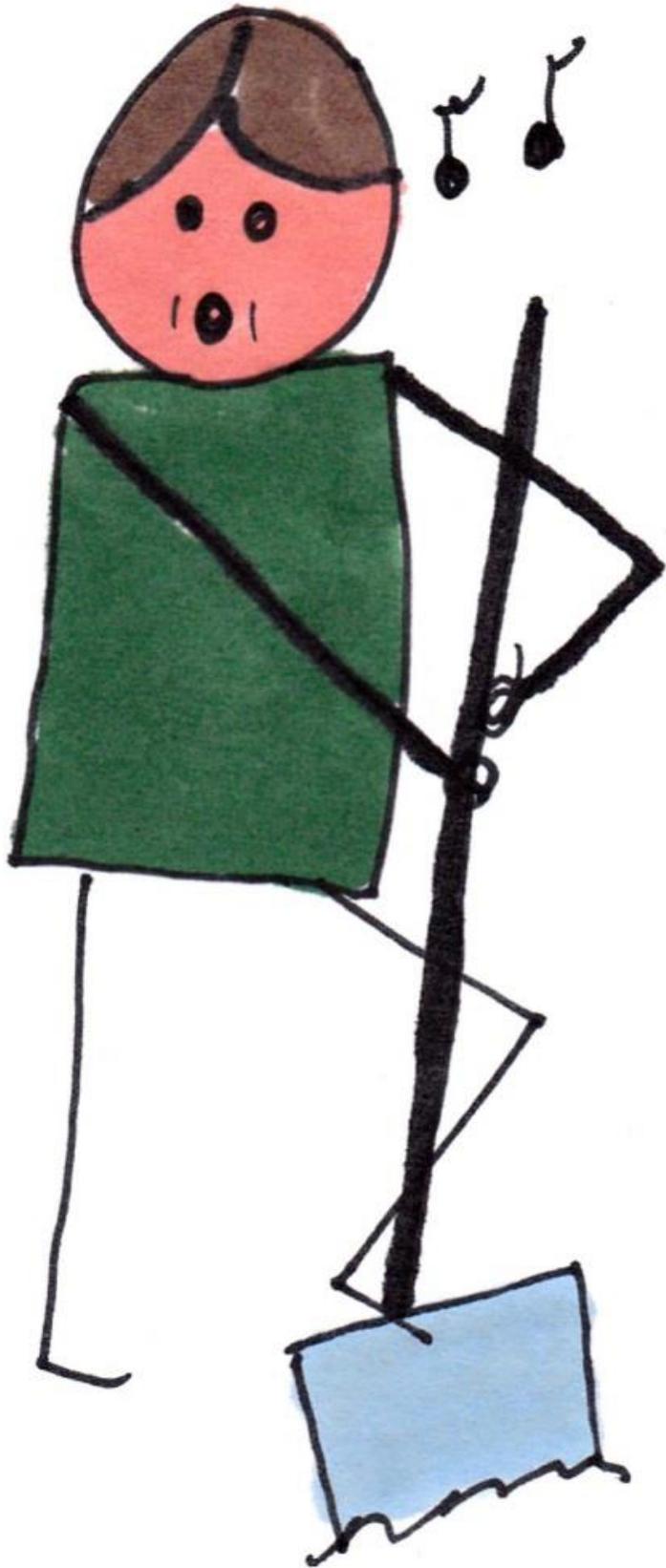


The servant with two talents also went out and got busy.

He found several projects to invest in, and helped start a few businesses.

At the end of the time he too had doubled his investment.

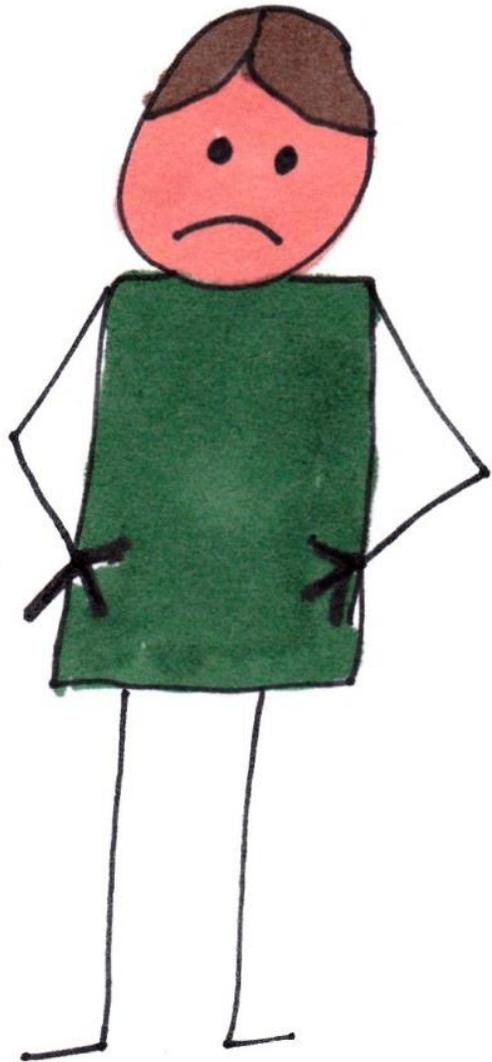
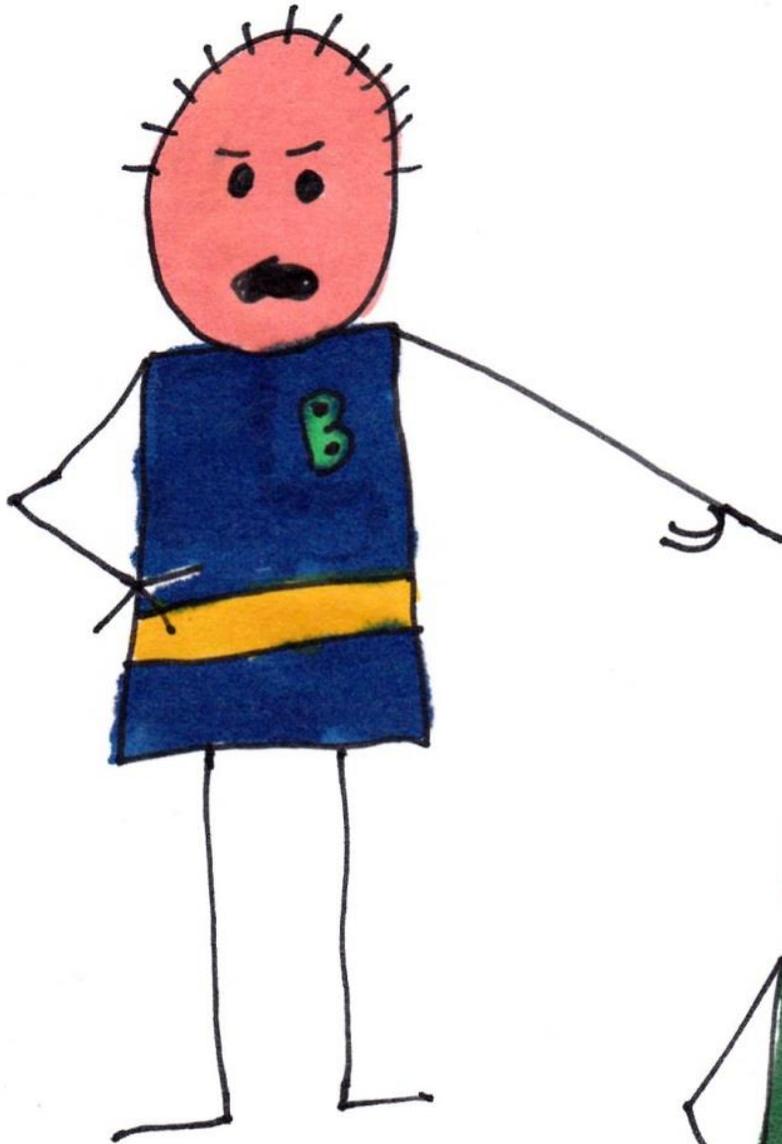
His master said to him also, “Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with little; I will put you in charge of many things.” He too was invited to the party.



The third servant looked at the talent and didn't know what to do with it. He was afraid of losing the money, so he buried it in his backyard.

When his master returned he dug up the talent and gave him the single talent back.

“I knew you were a hard master who expects much from his people and I was afraid of losing the money. So I buried it where no one could steal it and kept it safe.”



The master stared at his foolish servant. “You wicked foolish man! You knew what I expected and yet you did nothing. You could have put the money in a bank and it would at least have gathered interest, and yet you did nothing.”

He took the talent from the faithless servant and gave it to the servant with 10 talents.

“Be gone! You are worthless to me.” The servant left into the cold darkness.

Questions

Youngers

1. Why did the master give different amounts?
2. What did the two with more money do? Why was the master proud of them?
3. What did the master expect the third servant to do?

Middles

1. Read Matthew 25:15. Why was each of the servants given different amounts?
2. What talents has God given you? How can you use them?

Activities

1. Brainstorm together with your family or friends what talents each person has and then think of ways to use them or how to improve those talents to use them someday.
2. Using either Model Magic or cold porcelain clay make coins and a small bag

Cold Porcelain Clay recipe

2 tablespoons baking soda

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1.5 tablespoons of water

Heat in microwave for 15 seconds at a time, stir in between. When it is coming together as a dough, knead it for a few minutes to make it more dough like and then let it sit until it is cool.

Bake at 175 for 30-45 minutes to finish and you can paint.

Online

1. Journal activity for the Parable of the Talents-
<http://www.jedcraftgirl.com/2013/03/parable-of-talents-day-10.html>

Parable of the Talents Skit

People: Narrator, parent, 3 kids, random non-speaking parts for the kids to interact with

Narrator: Once there was a parent with 3 kids and he was going on a business trip.

Parent: I'm going to give each of you some money while I'm gone. I want you to each use it wisely. To the oldest I give \$500. To my second child I give \$200. And for my youngest I give \$100.

Oldest Child: I've got a great plan. I'll use this \$500 to get my lemonade stand going.

(Sells lemonade to several people and makes \$1000)

Middle Child: I've always wanted to walk dogs. I'll use this \$200 to print flyers and start walking dogs.

(Pretends to hand out flyers and walk dogs and makes \$400).

Youngest Child: I'm worried someone will steal this money, so I'm going to hide it. While they're busy I can watch whatever I want!

(Pretends to hide it somewhere)

Narrator: After some time the parent returned and gathered his/her children.

Parent: I'm back, how'd your projects go?

Oldest Child: I opened a lemonade stand and I now have \$1000.

Parent: Great job! Let's celebrate.

Middle child: I walked dogs and now have \$400.

Parent: Well done, come join the party.

Youngest Child: I hid the money so no one could steal it. You're a strict parent and I didn't want you mad at me.

Parent: (yelling) WHAT!?!?! Why didn't you put it in a bank? Or anything else? You're grounded!

Narrator: And the youngest child sat in his room while the other two children enjoyed an ice cream party with their parents.