

## Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children

# Life of Christ

## Ten Servants and Ten Minas Luke 19:11-27

### Younger Verse

Obey the Word of God. James 1:22 NLV

### Older Verse

Obey the Word of God. If you hear only and do not act, you are only fooling yourself. James 1:22 NLV

### Welcome Time

Ask each child this question, "If someone let you borrow money and give it back later, what would you do with it?" "Let's listen to see what happened to 3 people that were given money."

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus told His friends stories to help them learn important lessons. This is one of the stories Jesus told.

Once there was a very rich man who owned a large house and lots of land. He had many servants to help him take care of his property.

One day he told his servants that he was leaving town on a long trip. He was going to another country to be made a king. When he returned he would rule over his people. He chose 10 workers to be in charge of his money.

He gave each worker 1 mina. Someone would have to work for 3 months to make that much! The master left on his trip and trusted the servants to use his money in a smart way—to earn more money for him.

The people that lived on the man's land decided they did not want him to become the king. So they sent a group of people to follow him.

While the man was away some of the workers used the money like they were supposed to. They listened to what the rich man told them to do.

When the rich man returned he had become a king. He called in his servants to see what they had done with the money.

The first worker came in and had earned 10 more minas with his one. "Well done!" said the king, "You are a good servant. You are a worker I can trust. I will put you in charge of much because I can trust you!"

The second worker came in and had earned 5 more minas with his one. "Well done!" said the king, "You are a good servant. You are a worker I can trust. I will put you in charge of much because I can trust you!"

### Lesson Goals

Think of some special things that you can do—abilities that God gave you  
Share how important it is to do your best because Jesus gave His best for us

A third worker came in holding just 1 mina. “Sir, here is your money that you gave me. I wrapped it up in a cloth and hid it. I was afraid of you because I know that you are a hard man to work for. “

“What!” the king angrily said. “You could have at least put the money in the bank to earn interest instead of doing nothing!”

The king took the money and gave it to the first worker because he did what the master asked.

The rich man left and came back a king. That is the same with Jesus. He is up in heaven right now and he is going to return for his people. He will be our King. While He is away it is important to obey what He has told us in the Bible.

Another lesson we can learn is the importance of doing your best and helping others. Jesus wants us to be like Him and show His love to others. In Jesus’ life, He did His best and tried to help others. He did this because He loves us and wants us to go to Heaven and be with God. The only way we can go to Heaven is by believing in Jesus and trusting Him. Would you like to know more? Let’s talk during snack time.

#### **Learning Activities**

#### **Memory Verse Activities**

Help your kids see how they can apply the lesson to their lives.

Play balloon volleyball and bounce the balloon back and forth. As the team hits the balloon, they have to say one word of the verse.

#### **Prayer Time**

Ask each person to pray that they will use their abilities to help someone this week. Also, pray out loud that we will do kind things for others this week.

#### **Snack Time/CleanUp**

Bring trash bags and a vacuum cleaner to clean your facility. Make sure it is beautiful!

Planning for Nov. 14th  
Jesus rides a donkey  
Luke 19:28-40

Preschool Lesson  
for  
The Story of 3 Men

(Bring 25 coins to help illustrate the story. Be careful! Little toddlers may try to eat them!)

(We are using pennies for minas so they can visualize the story. Remember that kids this young do not have a concept of money and how much things cost. They can see which is more and which is less.)

Jesus told His friends a story to help them see how important it is to do good things for others.

Once upon a time there was a rich man who owned a large house. He had many workers who helped take care of everything he had.

One day he told 10 of his workers that he was going on a long trip. He picked these 10 to be in charge of his money. (Count to 10)

He gave each worker 1 penny. (Hold up your index finger.)

The man left on his trip and told the workers to help him get more money.

When the man returned from his trip, He quickly went to find the workers. The 1st worker showed him the 10 pennies. The man was so proud!

The 2nd worker showed him the 5 pennies. He was glad about what he had done!

Then a 3rd worker brought back the 1 penny. The man was very sad because the man didn't obey him. He wanted him to help make more money and the man just hid the money. He gave the money to the 1st worker.

Jesus shared this story so that we would remember to always do our best and help others. He also wants us to remember to obey Him and do what He says.

Hands-on Activities  
for  
The Story of 3 Men

Make little bags of money using cloth, napkins or paper towels and tied with ribbon or string. Use pennies for the 3 types of people.

Let each person cut out the first letter of their name from a piece of paper. Write on the paper things you enjoy doing or that you are good at doing. Now, let the person cut the letter into puzzle pieces for someone else to solve. Let each person guess who the person is (if appropriate).

What are you good at? Have a fun talent show and let the kids share their talents. Be sure everyone is positive and uplifting. One of the apartments did this and had great success!

Bring a box of sand or packing peanuts. Hide 1 coin in it to try to find!

Bring different activities to encourage the kids to use their abilities—paint, play dough, puzzles, books, songs to sing, etc. If the kids do paper projects, showcase them by binding them in a book—we have a binding machine!

Talk to the older students about which person they think they are: 5 talent, 2 talent, or 1 talent person. Talk about how they could use their gifts/abilities to please God. Talk about how to make good decisions.

Bring Chocolate Coins to eat as a snack!