

FUN FISH – Every Toddler COUNTS

Session 5: Do Your Best – FIVE – Five Bags of Gold!

Memory Line: “You are precious to me.” (Isaiah 43:4 NLT)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Number and Topic:

You can find the number FIVE right down by your feet. Yes! Five toes on each foot. And if you ever see a badger, bear, or beaver track, they have five toes on each paw as well! Amazing!

Bible Story: FIVE Bags of Gold (Matthew 25:14-30)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

The Boss

Servants One, Two, and Three.

Materials needed: (feel free to swap the materials with what you have)

A total of 15 bags of gold. (you could use bars of soap or rolled up socks...)

Two horses (plastic cups tapped together make wonderful hoof sounds)

A spade

Reflective Time (interactive):

Ask the children – Is there something you really don't want to do? Like brushing your teeth, putting on your socks, or buttoning your coat. Don't give up, just keep doing your best.

Bean Bag Prayer: “Dear God, help me to do my best. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“Every Toddler COUNTS” card for this session:



Story 5: FIVE Bags of Gold (parable of three servants - Matthew 25:14-30)

Here is another story Jesus told about some servants...

There was a boss who called his three servants, "Servants, I'm going on holiday and leaving you in charge. Please take care of my gold."

The boss gave the first servant FIVE bags of gold. He gave the second, two big bags. And to the third, he gave just one bag of gold.

The boss drove away, and the first servant jumped on his horse. He rode into town and started a business. The second one jumped on his horse and rode the other way. He too started a business somewhere else.

But the third one said, "Why should I work while my boss is on holiday? I'll hide the gold behind my house." So, he dug a deep hole and covered it up.

A long while later the boss came back. He called his three servants and asked, "How did it go?"

The first servant gave his boss the FIVE bags of gold, then FIVE more bags!

"Well done!" said the boss. "I will give you an even better job to do."

The second servant gave his boss two bags of gold, then TWO more bags!

"Well done!" said the boss. "I will give you an even better job to do."

The third servant shook the dirt off his bag of gold and said, "It really was quite unfair for you to go on holiday and think that I should work."

The boss was sad and said, "If you had done your best, you could have had a better job as well." But the third servant didn't care. He walked out the door. He didn't want to do his best.