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Spring 1 – Week 3

Monday

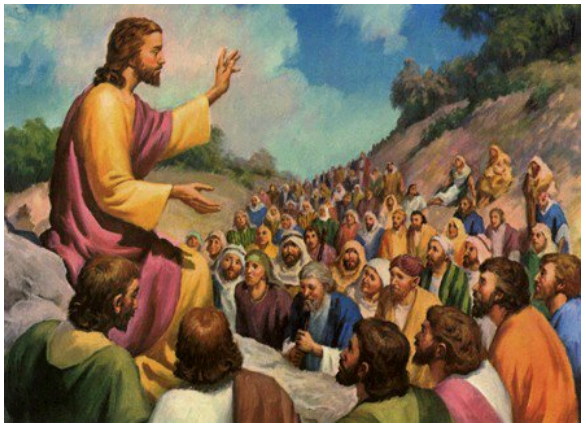
LO: to write a prayer thanking God for my talents.



What makes a good teacher?

Jesus was a teacher. What did he teach about? How did he teach?

Jesus taught his disciples through special stories called parables which have a special message.



If someone gives you a gift or a present what do you do with it?

I wonder if you have ever been given a gift that you have never taken out of the box or container and used?

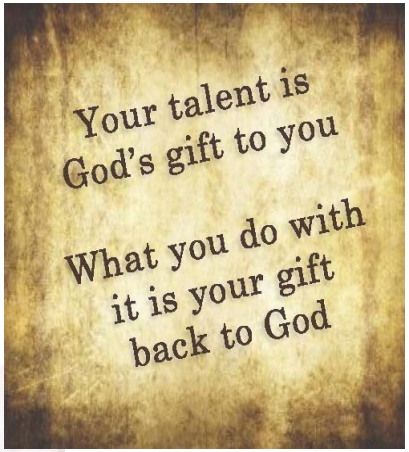
I wonder how the person who gave you this gift might feel if they knew this?

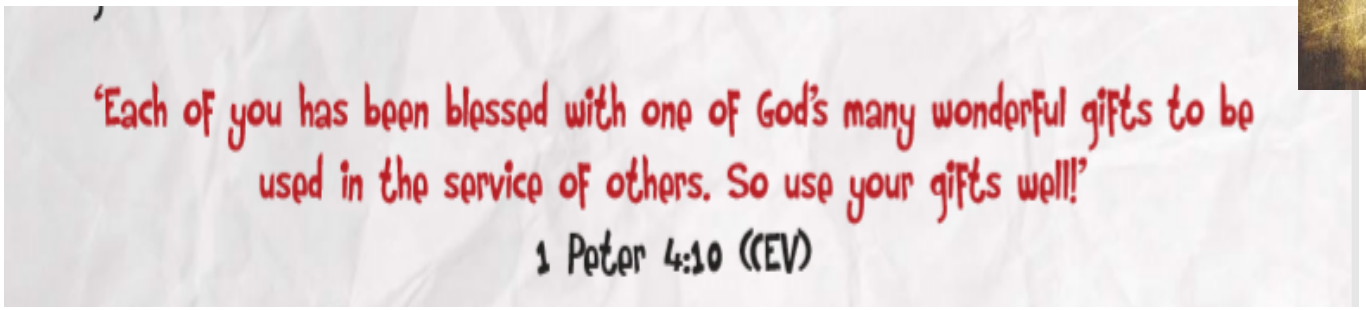
Read or listen to Matthew 25:14-30

The parable of the talents

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4w7v-WDfJk

'The parable of the talents helps to remind us that God wants to give us good things and trusts that the gifts he gives to us will be used well. We have many things to be thankful for, some big and some small things. It is important that we use all that God has given to us even when it might seem like a small thing.'





Task: write your own prayer thanking God for your talents.
Use the sentence starters and blue word bank to help you.

Dear God God our loving Father
Heavenly Father Father in heaven

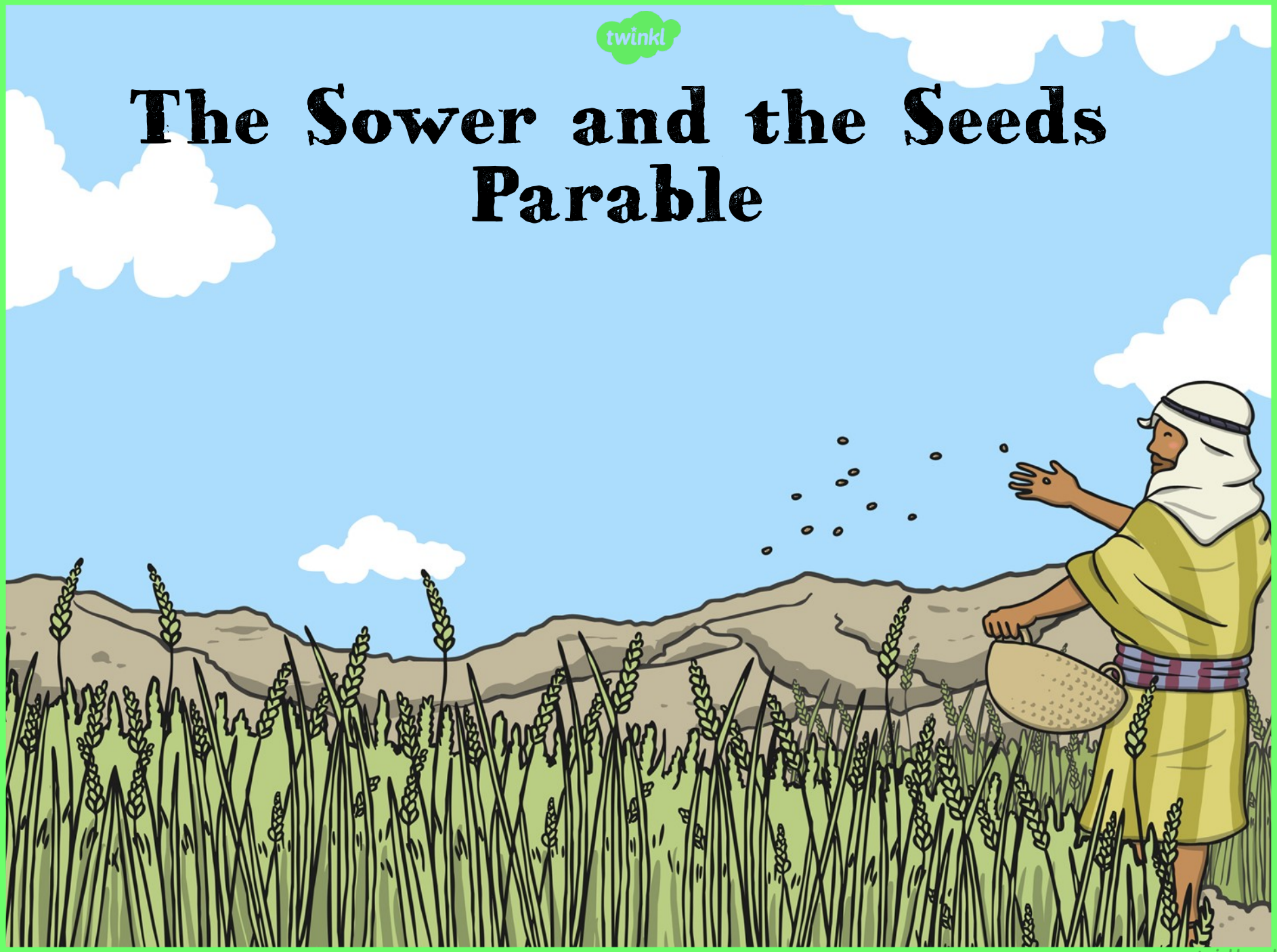
I know that you …
Thank you for …
You have blessed me with …
I am…
I can …
I will use my talents ..
I am _____ for each of my talents.
I want you to know that…
Amen

making
unique
individual
talents
grateful
thankful

Thursday
LO: to know the parable of The Sower

Read the Parable of the Sower Lk. 15: 11-32 on the following slides then answer the questions and complete the task that follows…

The Sower and the Seeds Parable



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Jesus had gone out and sat by the lake by himself. Soon, such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat near the shore and people stood on the land to hear him. Then he began to tell them a story.



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A farmer went out to plant his garden. As he was throwing the seed on the ground, some fell on the hard path nearby and the birds came and ate them.



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The next seeds fell near some rocks the farmer had in a pile nearby. There was not much dirt around the rocks so the seeds started to sprout and grow the next day. When seeds aren't planted in the dirt, they don't grow roots which help them stay strong and wet, which help them grow properly.



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So in the afternoon when the sun was very hot, the little plants that started to grow among the rocks withered away and died because they had no root in the ground.



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As the farmer continued to throw seeds onto the ground, some of the seeds fell among the weeds and thorns that he hadn't pulled out. The thorns grew faster and taller than the seeds, so the seeds couldn't get enough sunlight and were choked out by the thorns.



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Finally, some seed fell on the good soil that the farmer had worked and dug holes for the seed to go into. Those seeds made plants and those plants produced lots and lots of vegetables.



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Jesus said, "When people teach you things, they are planting a pretend seed in your mind. The seed is a lesson and as you learn more, the seed grows and gets bigger and you eventually will know lots about God and be able to tell others about Him."



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“If you don't ask when you don’t understand, you will forget what you learned and it will be like the seeds that fell on the path that were eaten by the birds. You will forget and the seed will be gone from your mind and it won't grow.”



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"If you don't learn more, the pretend seed in your mind won't grow and it will be like the seed that fell on the rocks. It grew only for a short time and then it died."



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"The next seed is the one that was choked out by the thorns. This can happen when you hear a lesson about God and then you start to worry about all kinds of things. By worrying, you will choke out the pretend seed in your mind. Pray to God instead of worrying!"



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"The last seed is the best, it fell on the good ground. If you learn from what you hear, the seed in your mind will grow. You will be able to tell others about what you've learnt."



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The End

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Who do you think the Sower is?

What is the seed?

Why do you think the seed grew better in some places compared with others?

What conditions do you need for something to grow well?

Jesus teaches that we are like the seed when we listen and respond to his teaching.
We either listen well and grow or we don't.

Do you think this parable tells us something about the choices we can make?

TASK - Here are some examples of different types of people. Which seed do you think they are? Match the black sentences with the different types of seed. There may be more than one example for each seed!

1. People who don't know about God.

2. People who listen to God's word and then forget about it.

3. People learn about God and follow his example.

4. People who start following God's word but then decide other things are more important [e.g. football instead of Mass].

5. People choose to follow their friends instead of God.

6. People decide money is more important than God.

A) Seeds that landed straight on the path with no soil.

B) The seeds that landed in the rocks that started to grow and then stopped.

C) The seeds that landed in the weeds and the weeds grew taller and stopped the seeds from going.

D) The seeds that landed in the fertile soil that the farmer had spent time preparing.