



The Parable of the Bags of Gold Matthew 25:14-30

Memory Verse:
Put God's kingdom first.
Matthew 6:33 NIV

The true story from the Bible comes from the book of Matthew, and it begins with Jesus. One day, Jesus told a story to His friends, the disciples.

There was a rich man who was going away on a big trip. He had a lot of money, and he was going to be gone for a long time. He wanted his helpers to take care of his money, and he wanted them to use that money to earn even more money.

He gave five bags of gold to one helper. Then he gave two bags to another helper. But he only gave one bag to the third helper.

The helper with five bags of gold used the money to earn five more. The helper with two bags of gold used the money to earn two more.

But the helper with one bag of gold dug a hole in the ground and hid the bag of gold. The third helper didn't even try to earn more money.

When the rich man came back, he wanted to collect all the money from his helpers.

The helper with five used those five bags of gold and have earned five more! The man told his helper, "You did a great job!"

The helper with two bags of gold said, "You trusted me with two bags of gold. I used those two bags of gold and have earned two more!"

The rich man told his helper, "You also did a great job!" He was so happy and wanted his helpers to be happy too.

Then the helper with one bag of gold said, "I did not use what you gave me. I went out and hid your gold in the ground."

And the helper gave the rich man the one bag of gold. The rich man was not happy with the helper who had hidden his bag of gold. He took the bag of gold away from him, and the helper who had done nothing had to leave.

Questions:

- **Where does the true Bible story from?** (The book of Matthew.)
- **What was the story Jesus told his disciples?** (A rich man who going away on a big trip and he wanted his helpers to use that money to earn even more money.)
- **How many bags of gold did the rich man give his first helper?**

(Five bags.)

- **How many bags of gold did the rich man give his second helper?** (Two bags.)
- **How many bags of gold did the rich man give his third helper?** (One bag.)
- **How many bags of gold did the first helper earn?** (Five more bags.)
- **How many bags of gold did the second helper earn?** (Two more bags.)
- **What did the last helper do with the one bag of gold?** (He dug a hole in the ground and hid the bag of gold.)
- **Did the third helper earn any more bags of gold?** (No.)
- **What did the rich man do when he came back?** (He collected all the money from his helpers.)
- **Why was the rich man not happy?** (The third helper had hidden his bag of gold.)
- **What happen to the third helper?** (The rich man took the bag of gold away from him and he had to leave.)

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Help us learn all the things that Jesus teaches us, so we can help Your kingdom grow. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Parent Cue:

- **Morning Time:** When you go into your child's room, cuddle them and say: "Good morning [child's name]! Today we will use what God gave us to share His love."
- **Cuddle Time:** Cuddle with your child and pray: "God, please help us use what you have given us to share Your love and grow Your kingdom."
- **Drive Time:** While on the go, ask your child, "What can you do to show God's love to others?"
- **Bath Time:** Add some bath paint to bath time. Give your child some paint and say, "What can you do with this paint? We want to use what has given us to share His love and grow His kingdom."