

# ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***TRADING FOR THE KING***

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**LUKE 19:11–27**  
(Matthew 25:14–30)  
**TRADING FOR THE KING**  
*(Parable of the pounds)*  
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**Jesus told many stories  
about his Father’s kingdom.  
Here is one of them.**

**An important man  
had to go away  
to be made king.**

**Before he left,  
he said to his ten servants,  
‘Here is some money.  
Work with it  
while I am away.’**



**After a long time  
he came back to his people.  
He was now their king.**

**He called in his ten servants  
and asked,  
What did you do  
with the money I gave you?**

**The first servant said,  
'I made ten times  
more money for you.'**

**The king said,  
'Well done, good servant.  
You could be trusted  
with the little bit of  
money I gave you.  
In my kingdom  
you will be trusted  
to look after ten cities.'**



**The second servant came  
and said,  
'With the money you gave me,  
I made five times more for you.'**

**The king said,  
'Well done, good servant.  
You could be trusted  
with the little bit of money  
I gave you.  
In my kingdom  
you will be trusted  
to look after five cities.'**



**Then another servant came  
and said,  
'Here is your money.  
I wrapped it up and hid it.  
I was afraid of you,  
and thought that I  
couldn't please you  
because you are a hard man.'**

**The king said,  
'If you knew I was like this,  
why didn't you put  
the money in the bank?  
At least I would have got  
some interest.'**



**The king said to those watching on,  
'Take this man's money  
and give it to the man  
who made ten times his money.'**

**The servants answered,  
'He already has lots of money.'**

**The king said,  
'Everyone who uses  
what he has been given,  
will get more.  
Those who do not use  
what they have,  
will lose the bit they have.'**



***Jesus is that man  
who went away.  
He has gone to heaven  
and is with His Father.  
He has been made King  
over all people.***

***He has given us His word.  
One day He will come back  
to receive those  
who have loved  
and served Him.***

