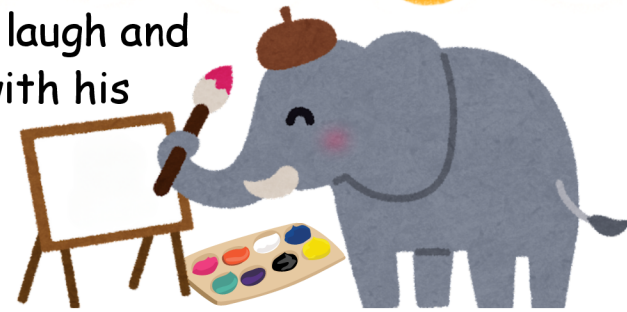


# READ: CHARLEY THE ELEPHANT PAINTS

Charley the elephant had a big, rumbling laugh and a special circus trick: painting pictures with his trunk. His master gave him lots of colorful paints and big canvases. "Use your talent," the master said, "and do your best."



Charley's friend, Leo the lion, had a loud roar. He used it to help the ringmaster tell everyone about the show.

Another friend, Lola the seal, balanced a big, striped ball on her nose for all the children. They were so busy using their talents.



But Charley was scared. "What if I make a mistake?" he worried, hiding his paints. He buried his brush under a pile of hay.

One day, the master came back and saw Leo and Lola had shared their gifts and made everyone happy. He saw Charley's buried brush and was sad. He reminded Charley that all his talents come from God. Charley realized that hiding his talent wasn't putting God first. He picked up his trunk and painted a beautiful flower for everyone to see.

The master was so happy. "Well done, Charley! You are a very talented elephant," he said.

- What was Charley really good at?
- Why was he afraid to paint?
- What happened when he tried?

X the box to show that you read and answered the questions.

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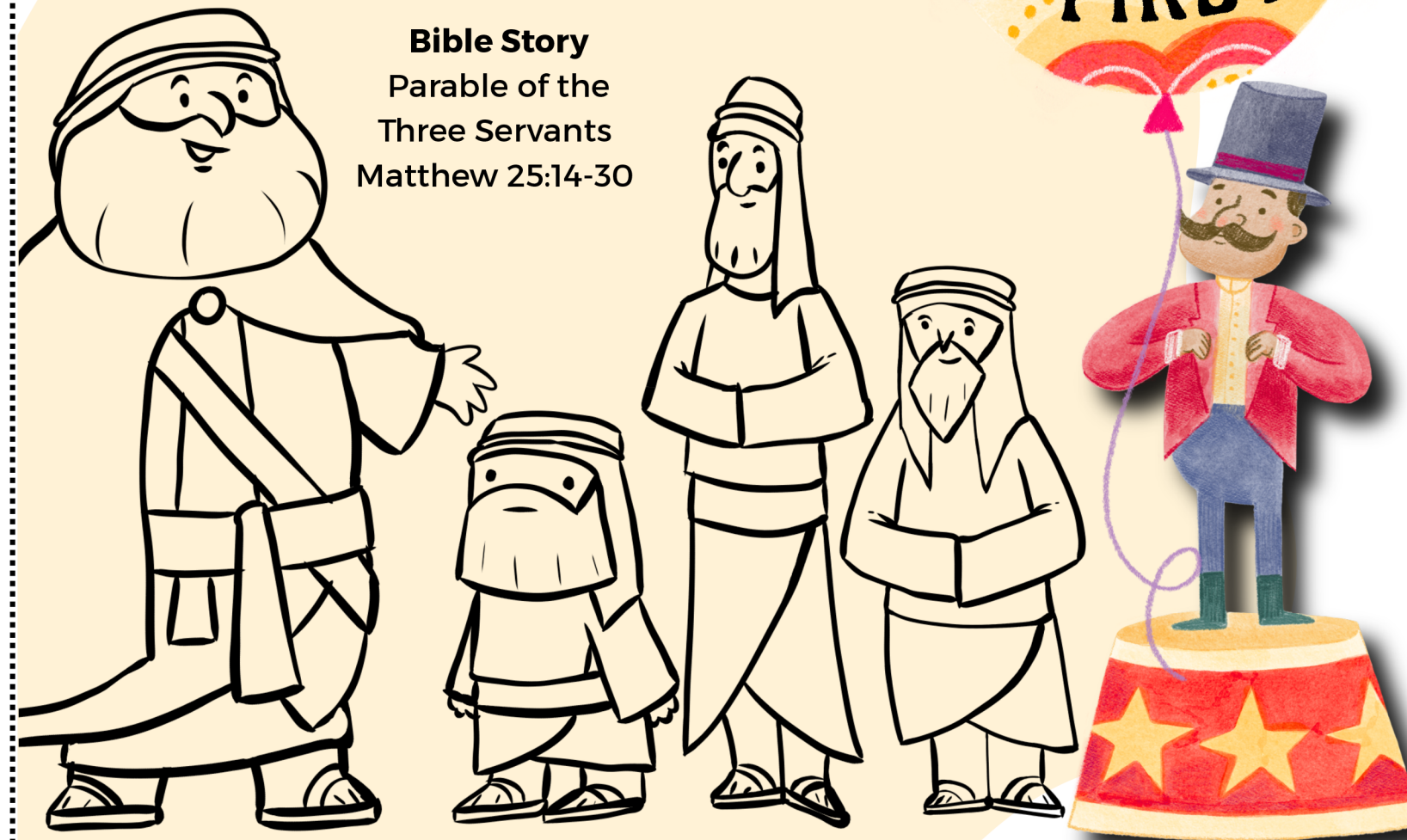

## Take-Home Paper Early Childhood

Memory Verse  
"... love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
all your soul,  
and all your mind."  
Matthew 22:37

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**PART 3**  
**I WILL PUT GOD FIRST!**

**Bible Story**  
Parable of the  
Three Servants  
Matthew 25:14-30



Dear Parents, This is the third and final lesson of our series, TIGHTROPE. Today, your child learned I WILL PUT GOD FIRST based on Matthew 25: 14-30, which teaches that God gives us everything we have, and He wants us to give back to Him to show that we love and trust Him! You can help your child continue to grow in their faith by using the activities in this Take-Home Paper at your own pace. It's fun, easy, and you will grow together! When your child completes it, sign the front and have them return it to class the following week for a prize.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



# READ: PARABLE OF THE THREE SERVANTS

Matthew 25:14-30



"...the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.

He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip."



The first helper with five coins worked hard. He used his coins to make five more! Now he had ten! He put God first and used what he was given. The second helper with two coins also worked hard. He used his coins to make two more! Now he had four! He also put God first and used his gift.

But the third helper was a little scared. He took his one coin and... he dug a hole and hid it in the ground! He didn't use his gift at all. When the man came back, he was so happy with the first two helpers! He said, 'Great job! You used what I gave you!' But he was sad about the third helper.



Open your Bible with your child and spend a few minutes reading the scripture and discussing the questions. Close your time with the special prayer.

## BIBLE TIME

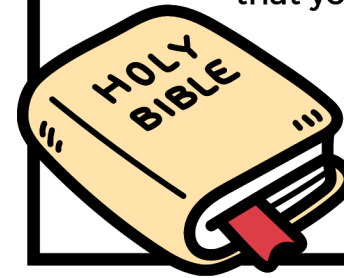
### Read Matthew 22:37

This verse says that we should love God with all our heart, mind, and soul. Think of one way to that you show God that you love Him!

PRAY:

Dear God, Help me to love you with all my heart, mind, and soul and thank you for loving me!

In Jesus' name, Amen



### Read the Poem and Color



The master went on a vacation,  
His money was left in good hands.  
Two used the money  
and made even more  
And one hid his part in the sand.

The master returned from vacation.  
Hoping returns would be grand.  
Two made him proud  
for they made even more.  
But one disappointed the man.