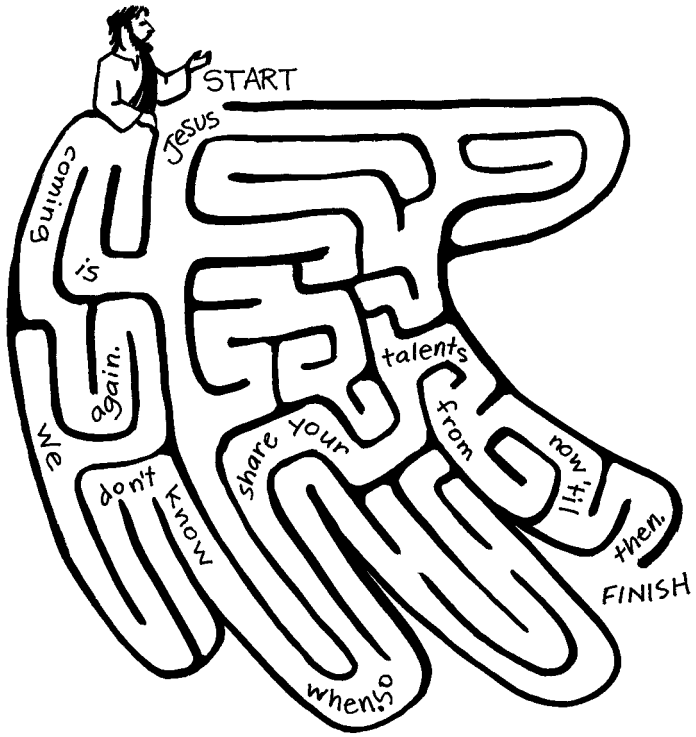
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Follow Jesus . . .

Following Jesus means sharing talents. Follow Jesus' footprints to uncover a poem that can help you remember to share your talents! Write the words you find, *in order,* in the space below the maze.



this week

Have a family talent show. Invite a friend or two!

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Lectionary 33

gather

Welcome to worship. Have you ever heard someone say: "Oh, she's so talented"? A talent is a gift from God. It is something you are good at. What are your talents?

Look at the pictures below. Place a **T** next to the ones that show a talent you have, and an **F** next to the pictures that show a talent of a friend.

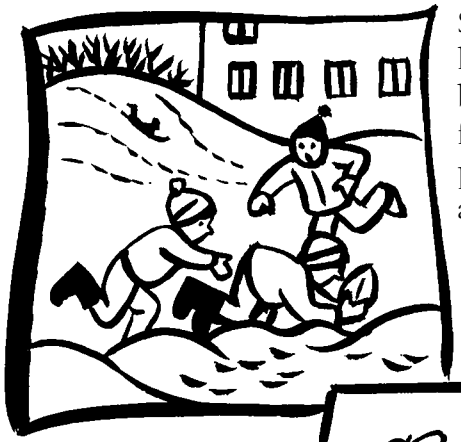


Look at the people with you in worship. What are their talents?

Everyday talents

Matthew 25:14-30

In today's gospel, Jesus tells another parable. This one is about using the talents God has given you to share God's love. Check out the following story. Who used their talents well?



Sam, Karena, and Kelly were friends living in the same apartment building. Sam loved playing football and played anytime, anywhere.



Karena loved to act. She practiced every day, before and after school, and enjoyed finding friends to be in her plays.



Kelly was an amazing videogame player, and would spend time on the weekends working to get to the next level of the game she was playing. She knew all the secret codes and loved winning!

Just before Christmas, a new family moved into their apartment building. Karena and Sam were the first to greet them. Before long, the new kids were creating plays with Karena and playing football in the snow with Sam.

Kelly wondered how she could be a friend. What ideas do you have for Kelly? How could Karena, Sam, and their new friends include Kelly? How might Kelly share her talents?

Write or draw your idea in the box above.

Oh God. We're so glad we have talents from you. Help us to share them! Amen.