

Options' Baby Bottle Campaign – 'Money in the Bible' Lessons for Kids

Are you interested in money and counting money? The Bible talks about money but the coins they used in Bible times are different than our loonies and toonies. Below are some questions and interesting facts about money in our favourite Bible passages.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan – Luke 10:30-37

- In Bible times, one **denarius** was worth one day's wages for a labourer - so at minimum wage today about \$100.
- How much money in today's dollars did the Good Samaritan give to the innkeeper to care for the man?
- We help people who need help and give to missions with our money because Jesus taught us how to love and be kind to others in this parable – even if they are different from us.

The Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25:14-30

- Did you know that a **talent** was worth 6000 **denarii**?
- A **talent** was therefore worth 20 years wages for a labourer in Bible times.
- In today's money, 1 **talent** would be worth \$1.4 million dollars - and the guy just buried it!
- What is Jesus trying to tell us in this story? The more we do for the Kingdom of God, the more God will ask us to do. Serving God and using the gifts He gave us for His work on earth is the way to a good life.

The Parable of the Widow's Mites – Luke 21:1-4

- In Bible times a **mite** was a small amount of money – it was 1/64th of a **denarius**.
- How much would that be in today's money?
- This parable teaches that it is not the amount of money we give that matters, but how precious the gift/amount is to us. For a worker may give a **denarius**, and a rich ruler may give a **talent**, and it would not be as precious or worth as much as a **mite** is to a poor widow with children. We are asked to be generous with what we have because God was and is generous in all He gives to us.

The Story About Forgiving Debt and Our Brother – Matthew 18:21-35

- How much debt (in today's dollars) did the King forgive his slave?
- And how much debt did the slave "choke" his fellow worker for not paying back to him?
- Our Father in heaven has forgiven us so much by sending Jesus on the cross to die for our sins, like the King in this parable. Our debt of sin was so big it could never be repaid in our whole lifetime. We learn that we must forgive our brothers for their sins/debts against us, which are tiny in comparison.

There's lots of other stuff in the Bible about God's richness and his generosity.

- Did you know God owns all the cattle on 1000 hills? - **Psalm 50:10**
- And the streets of heaven are made with gold and the gates of precious pearls? - **Revelation 21:21**
- **But what is most precious to God is not His money, or cattle, or cities... it's YOU. God loves you!**

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." Psalm 127:3

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