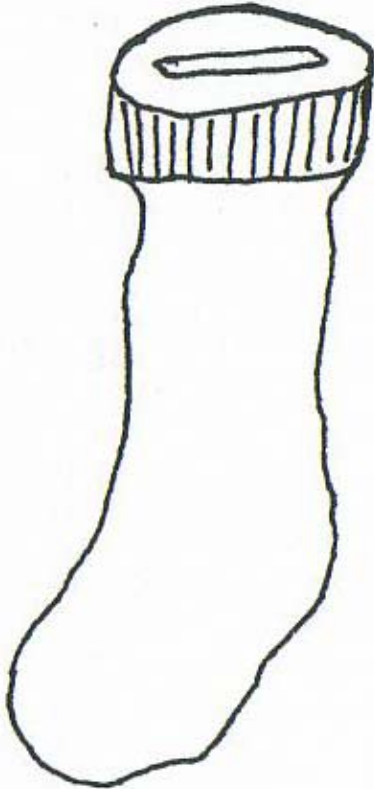


Choosing to Use our Talents Ethically

Date: 16th November, 2008 Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30:
The Parable of the Talents

Discuss what it means to use our talents, or our money, ethically. Older children may have ideas about how businesses can make ethical choices about business practices. What are some of the choices that face us in our daily lives, regarding using our talents ethically or unethically, or spending our money ethically or unethically?

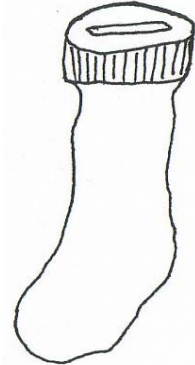
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You will need:

- ♦ plastic lids from coffee, vegemite or peanut butter jars
- ♦ children's socks (the more colourful the better) – ask for cast-offs from your congregation/community (not with holes in, though, unless you are prepared to do some darning first!)
- ♦ PVC or craft glue
- ♦ craft knife



What to do:

- ♦ Cut a money-box style slit in the lids big enough to fit coins through.
- ♦ Glue the lid inside the top of the sock. Allow to dry.

This is a cheap, novel and attractive way of providing an alternative to a collection 'tin' for a large group of people, for instance when collecting for a mission project.

Thanks to Doreen Baxter, Blackwood UCA, SA, for this idea.

Think of a project you could support with the money you put in the socks. Is there a micro-finance project you can support, e.g. lending money to women in a developing country to finance a small business, thus providing an income that supports the whole family?

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