

## LESSON 1 • Wants vs. Needs



## WANTS VS. NEEDS

**1 Key Concepts**

- Wants vs. Needs
- Teach the children what it means to be good stewards of what we have been given.
- Teach the children how we should use our abilities to help others.

**2 Teacher Preparation**

- Be prepared to make a list of wants and needs that the children come up with.
- Have the children turn their bibles to **Matthew 25: 14-30**.
  - Read this with the children.
- Make a list of the abilities the children have and how we can use those abilities to help others.

I Timothy 6:8

*But if we have food  
and clothing, we will be  
content with that.*

**3 Lesson**

- Have the children read together **Matthew 25: 14-30**.
- Talk about what a talent is.
- What were the servants given the talents for?
  - Talk about what the servants did with their talents.
  - Did the servants do what their master wanted them to do?
  - What happened to the servant that didn't use his talent wisely?
  - What does it mean that they were given the talents according to their abilities?
- How do we use our abilities to give God glory?
  - How does God want us to use our abilities?
  - How can we use our abilities to give back to others?
- What happens when we use our abilities to our best?
  - Do we benefit?
  - Does it hurt us?
  - Does it make us stronger?
- In everything that we do we should use wisely what God has given us.
  - Don't be wasteful or buy things we don't need.
  - Use what God has given us to help His kingdom grow.

**4 Conclusion**

God wants us to use our abilities to the best that we can. We are also supposed to use our abilities to help those around us. We are also supposed to use our talents wisely. We should always do our best

**5 Echo Prayer**

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all you have given us. Help us to use our talents to the best that we can. Help us also to use our talents to help those around us. Amen

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### 6 Resources

- Bible
- Webster's Dictionary
- Steiner, Barbara. Oliver Dibbs To The Rescue  
This story is about how Oliver and his brother find ways to make money so they can help animals.
- Williams, Vera B. A Chair For My Mother  
A family loses their furniture in a fire and set a goal to buy a chair for mother. See how the family and friends work together to have success.
- Paulsen, Gary. Lawn Boy  
This story is about a boy who uses an old mower to make money to buy a new inner tube for his bike.
- [www.usmint.gov/kids](http://www.usmint.gov/kids)  
Go to Coins of the World to see different coins.

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#### Vocabulary

**Needs:** a lack of something required

**Wants:** to crave

**Stewards:** keeper-a person put in charge of something

**Abilities:** being able to-the power to do something

**Talent:** a measurement of money, any natural ability

