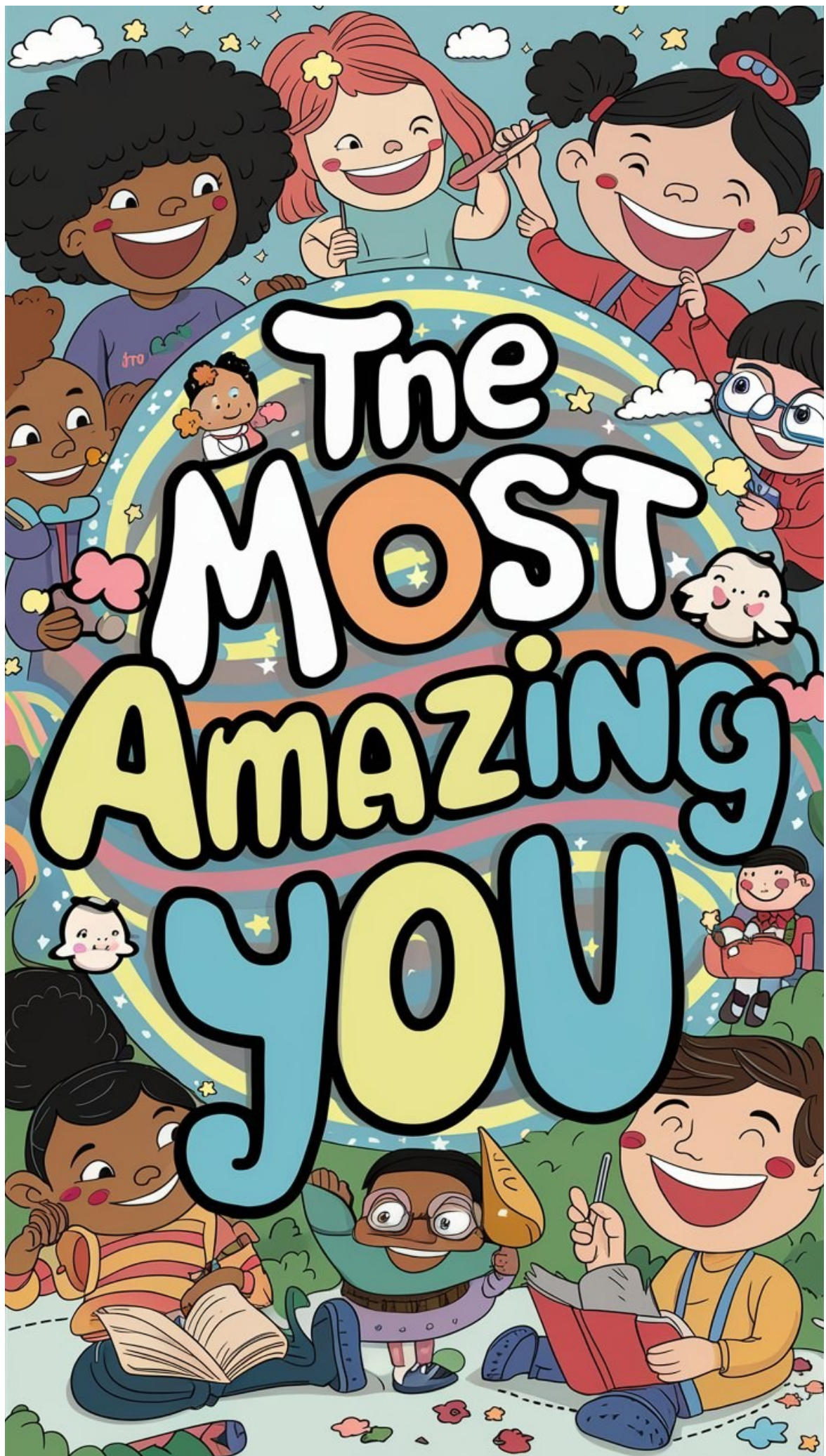






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The Most Amazing You

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

Have your children act out a skit. You will need three kids, six envelopes with play money in them, a rug and a box. Place the rug at the front of the stage where it can be easily seen. Place three envelopes of money offstage where your actors can find them.

Read verses 14-16, give the first actor an envelope with five play money bills in it and have him go off- stage. Say, "the servant who got five talents went quickly to invest the money."

Give the second actor an envelope with two play money bills in it and have him go offstage. Say, "Like the first servant, the second servant left to invest the money."

Now give the last actor an envelope with

one play money bill in it. Have him hide the envelope under the rug and go offstage. Say, "The third servant received one talent from the master and then he went and hid the money and left."

(While they are offstage, have the first two actors get new envelopes with twice as much play money in each envelope.) Say, "After a long time the master came home. He asked the servants what they did with the money."

Praise each of the first two servants for earning more and then, look sternly at the third servant. Take away his envelope and give it to the first servant. Say, "You are bad and lazy!" Make him leave the stage.

What is our lesson today? My purpose is to serve God today.

Power Point

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MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 2:10, "In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so we would do good works."

Object Lesson: Can of Soda Pop

Hold up a can of soda pop and say, Who knows what this can of soda was made for? (Allow for response.) It was made to quench thirst. Today this drink can fulfill its purpose by serving one of you. (Choose a child to come forward.)

Say, this soda is for you. However, before it can quench your thirst or soothe your parched throat,

something has to happen. (Don't open the soda. Pretend to pour it into the child's mouth.)

Why isn't this soda doing what it is supposed to? (Allow response.)

Before the soda can fulfill its purpose, it has to be opened. We are the same way. If we stay closed up to the things of God, we will never do what we were created to do.

Object Lesson: Suspend a Beach Ball

Objects needed: Leaf blower & beach ball (A hair dryer and ping pong ball will also work for this object lesson.)

Procedure: You will be using the leaf blower to project a stream of air straight up. Then, you will place the beach ball into the air stream. The beach ball will be locked in and you will be able to make it float as well as move around as you rock the blower back and forth.

Talk with the children about how we are like the beach ball and the Holy Spirit is like the air stream (wind). We are able to live up to a much higher potential if we let God's power help us. We can be our best with God's Holy Spirit.



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Object Lesson: Wrapped Gift

Gifts and Talents

Item Needed: A wrapped gift

See what this is? It's a gift. You know if you get something covered in pretty paper or the big bow, you're getting something pretty special.

We give each other gifts on birthdays and holidays, because we care for that person. They may be a family member or a friend. We love gifts. They're usually something we want. Your family member specifically picks out that gift with you in mind, because they want you to like it.

Well when you were born, you were given gifts specifically picked out for you. These gifts were given to you by God. We also like to call them talents. The talents God has given you can be whatever you're good at. Sometimes it involves a sport, maybe you have a musical talent, or maybe you're good

at science and math, or maybe you are more artistic and can draw really well. Whatever the case, God made you good at something for a reason. He wants you to serve Him with your talents.

The Bible says in Colossians 3:23-24, *"Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord not for men since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward it is the Lord Christ you are serving."* What that verse says is that with your gift you can serve the Lord.

It doesn't matter what other people think of you, as long as you're doing what God wants you to do. So don't be ashamed of your gift, or try to use a different gift that's not yours. Use the talent God gave you and you can bless others with your talent just as if you're giving them a wrapped gift.

Object Lesson: Jigsaw Puzzle

Kids reach their highest potential

Item Needed: Jigsaw puzzle in a box

Imagine you have a big jigsaw puzzle in front of you, but there's no picture on the box to show you what it's supposed to look like. It's like a mystery waiting to be solved! Each piece is unique, just like you, and has a special place where it fits perfectly.

As you start putting the pieces together, it might seem tricky at first. But then, you remember that God is like a friend sitting right next to you, helping you find the right spots for each piece. He whispers hints and cheers you on with every piece you fit right.

Piece by piece, the puzzle starts to make a beautiful picture. It's not just any picture—it's a picture of all the wonderful things you can do and be! There are pieces that show you being kind, smart, brave, and all the amazing things God knows you can be.

In the end, when the last piece is placed, you step back and see not just a finished puzzle, but a masterpiece. It's a picture of you reaching your highest potential, with God's help all along the way. And just like that puzzle,

you're a wonderful creation, full of potential and beauty, made complete with God's love and guidance."



