

Holy Spirit uses the “Sunday Book of Readings, The Lectionary Adapted for Children” and the Leader Guide to share the Liturgical readings with our children. This week you will find our readings for reflection are from Year A.

## **Children’s Liturgy of the Word Reflection – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Psalm 63**

**Response: “I long for you; I long for you; I long for you, my God.”**

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year, and the Gospel, like last week’s makes us turn our thoughts to the end of time.

- “God has given many of us talents, grace, a vocation in life.”
- The Gospel reading makes it clear that we are to use these talents for the good of the kingdom of God.
- “Come; be happy with me.” God wants us to use our talents, share them with others.

### **Summary of the Readings:**

**First Reading: Proverbs 31:10,12,20,26,28,31 (*This is a reading from the book of Proverbs.*)**

***Below is the reading:***

“A woman who is good is more precious than jewels.  
She does not hurt others; she does good all the days of her life.  
She works for the poor and helps those in need.  
She speaks with wisdom and is kind to everyone.  
Her husband and children call her blessed.  
May she be rewarded for all that she does,  
And may everyone who knows her sing her praises.”

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (*This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.*)**

In the Gospel reading last week the parable Jesus told his disciples was about “being prepared”. This week Jesus’ parable is about using the talents that God has given us.

The parable begins with a man going on a long journey. He calls his servants and puts each one in charge of some money. One servant received \$100, a second received \$200, and the third received \$500.

The third servant took the \$500 he was given and put the money to good use. He earned \$500 more for the owner. The second servant took the \$200 went out and earned \$200 more. The servant who received \$100 buried it in the ground.

When the owner returned from his journey the servant who had received \$500 came to him and said, “Here is your money. You gave me \$500 to take care of, but I have earned \$500 more for you.”

The owner said, "You are a good and faithful servant. Because you have done so well, I will put you in charge of even more. Come; be happy with me."

Then the second servant came to the owner. He told him that he had cared for the \$200 he left with him and had earned \$200. The owner was once again very pleased. He promised him he would be put in charge of more and invited him to "Come; be happy with me."

Finally, the servant who was given \$100 came to the owner. He told him he knew he was a strict man and always wanted more money than he gave. The servant was afraid of losing the money, so he had buried it in the ground until the owner had returned. Here is the \$100 you gave me.

But the owner said, "You are a lazy man! You knew that I wanted you to earn more money for me, and yet, you only buried it in the ground. You are not a good servant and you cannot work for me anymore."

The owner told another servant to take the \$100 and give it to the servant who had earned \$500. Then sent the man to be punished.

### **Helping the Children to Reflect:**

What has God given us? What has God asked us to do?

We all have talents and gifts that we are meant to share. Talk with your children about the talents that God has given to you. Tell them how you share these talents. Ask them if they know people who share their talents. We have many people in our parish that are called to be mothers, fathers, sisters, priests, deacons, brothers, single people.

### **Reflection Activity:**

The children have talents that God wants them to share. Ask the children what talent do you have and how can you share it?

**"Come, be happy with me."**

