

The Talents Parable



A man decided to go on a long trip, so he called his servants and asked them to take care of his house, his stuff and his money. The man decided to give one servant five talents of money, to another he gave two talents and to the last servant he gave one talent. He gave each servant a large amount he thought they could handle, or according to their ability.



The man left on his trip and the servants each did something with the money that they received. The man with the five talents went right away and used his money and got five more!



The man with the two talents also used his money wisely and gained two more talents.



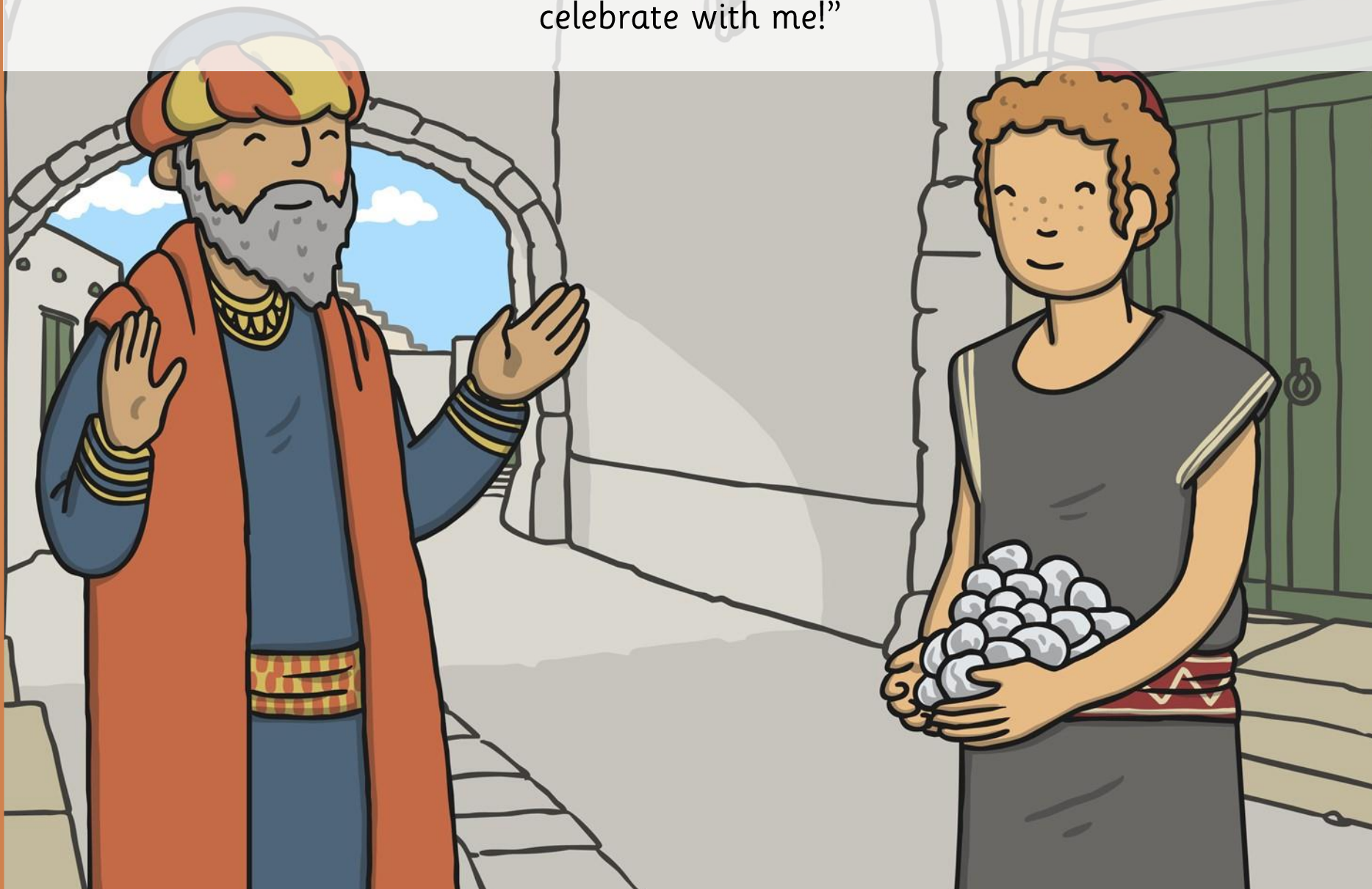
But the man with one talent took his talent and buried it in the ground to keep the money safe. He didn't even try to do something with it.



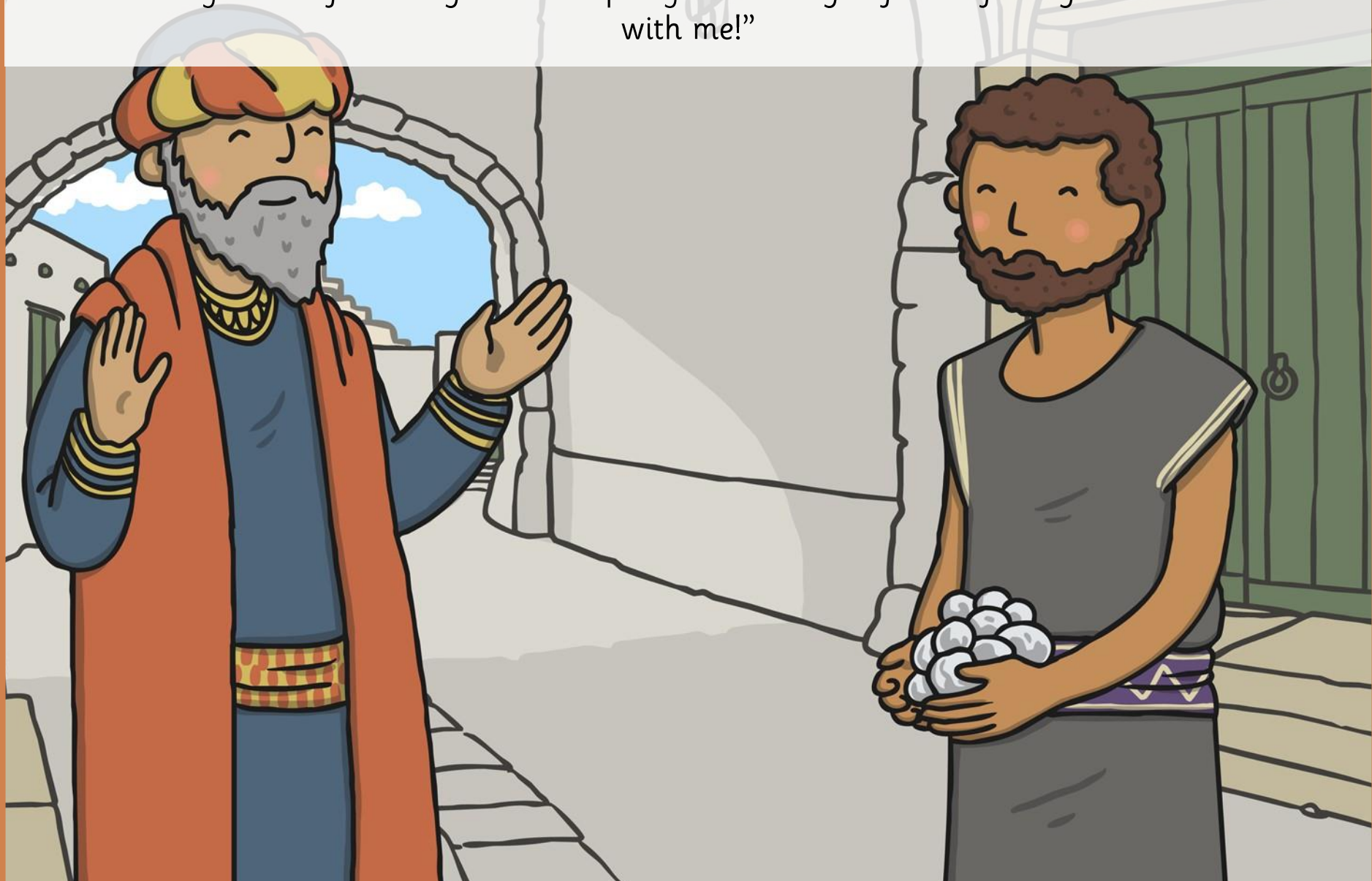
After a nice long trip the master came back and wanted to know what his servants did with his money. The first man with the five talents said, "You trusted me with five talents and I made five more!"



His master smiled and replied, "Great job, good and faithful servant! You are trustworthy with a few things so I will put you in charge of lots of things. Come celebrate with me!"



Then the man with the two talents came and said, “You trusted me with two talents and I made two more!” His master smiled and replied, “Great job, good and faithful servant! You are trustworthy with a few things so I will put you in charge of lots of things. Come celebrate with me!”



Then the man who received the one talent came and told his master, "I know you work hard for your money, so I was afraid to lose any of it. I decided to bury it and keep it safe. Here is your one talent back."



The master was not impressed and said, “You lazy servant! At the very least you could’ve taken the money to the bank and you would’ve at least collected some interest from it.”



He immediately took the talent away from the man and gave it to the first man who used his money to make more.



The point Jesus was trying to make is that if you use your special gifts and abilities, God will give you more to keep doing these things you are good at. He will trust you with so much more.



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