

LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 143

Grade Level: 4-6

Date: _____
 Title: God's Work
 Text/Story: Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Peter 4:10, 11
 Main idea: God expects us to use the talents He has given us for His glory.
 Key Verse: Ephesians 6:7

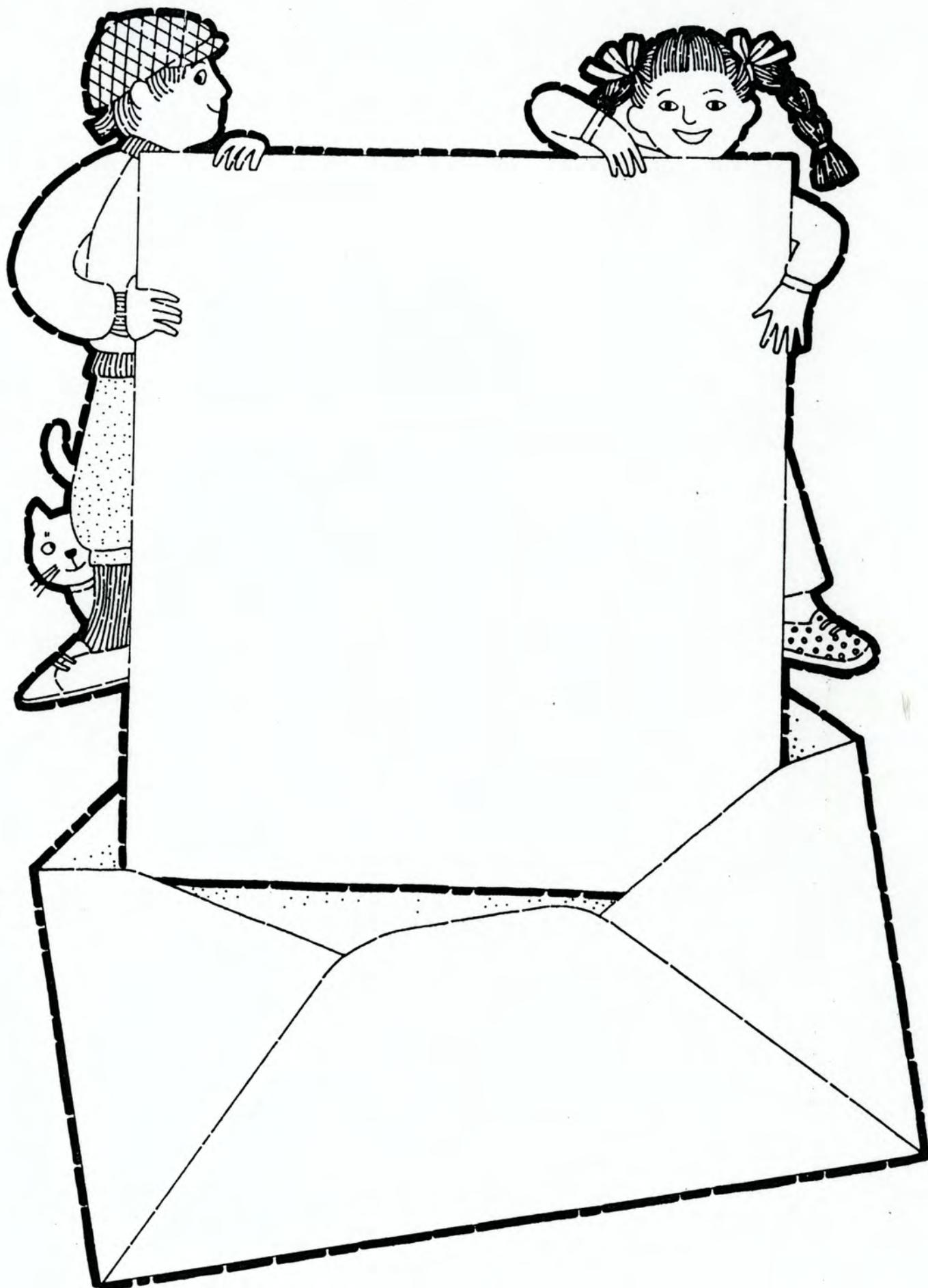
Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On chart paper or overhead ask the students to brainstorm for things we can do for God (e.g., sing in choir, be a missionary, visit the sick etc.) Discuss each job and what special talent or equipment might be necessary Option: Charades--Write some of these jobs on slips of paper and place in a bowl or box and have each student select one and act out the job for the class to guess
	Lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials: "The Parable of the Talents" worksheet (enlarge to 11x17 size or have students draw on large butcher-type paper) for each student, pencils, crayons, felt pens Read the story of talents together or in small groups Condense the story down to 4 main events Ask the students to draw these 4 events on the 4 panels provided They can simplify the drawings and use stick figures, as well as include dialogue bubbles of 1 or 2 sentences
	Cartoon Strip	
	Post-Lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some suggestions to expose students to the various types of work they can do for God Interview several workers in the church about their work (usher, musician, custodian etc.) Make a simple craft or assemble goodies packages to bring to a nearby retirement home Take a tour around the church to see the different areas of work that are required Watch a video describing the work of a missionary Assign students to read about and do a report on a well-known missionary or evangelist
	Special Project	

The Parable of the Talents

(Matthew 25:14-30)

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Working for God

It is important for every Christian to work for the Lord. When we do this, we will be blessed. We can serve the Lord by praying for others, and by giving our time, talent, and even a portion of our money (income or allowance). Christians do this because they love the Lord. Below are four lists and one incomplete sentence. Match the sentence numbers with the list numbers to complete the sentence. See how many good sentences you can complete that will tell of different ways to serve God.

- 1** God
myself
my friends
lunch
ping-pong balls
my country

- 2** praying for others
singing in church
using a paddle
listening during church
telling about Jesus' love
doing my homework

- 3** bringing my friends to Sunday school
inviting someone to church
helping someone in need
giving golf lessons
reading God's Word
helping to clean the church

- 4** I love the Lord.
I have nothing else to do.
that is what Jesus wants me to do.
they are holding me hostage.
I want to see souls saved.
I'm just a great person, of course.

I can serve (1) _____ by (2) _____ and
by (3) _____, because (4) _____