

Stewardship Sabbath – April 2018
Children’s Story/Object Lesson
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TALENTS

A Living First Aid Kit

Show the children a first-aid kit. Discuss its contents and demonstrate how items are used to help an injured person.

SAY: What does a Band-Aid do? (Show item.) It stops bleeding, protects a wound, covers a sore area. What about an ace wrap? (Show item.) It provides support to a sore or weak muscle or joint. (Show more items, if you have them.)

Now, imagine you have a first-aid kit and see someone hurt, but you decide not to use it because you’re afraid you won’t use it properly, you don’t want to use up what you have, or you don’t think it will help anyone. How do you think they would feel knowing you had a first-aid kit but didn’t help them? (Sad, disappointed)

It’s kind of like the Parable of the Talents that [preacher’s name] will be speaking about today. A man gave several of his servants some talents—which was money back in Bible times. They were to manage the talents for their master and use them to make more talents. All of the servants managed the talents wisely—but one. He was afraid of his master, so he buried it in the ground to “play it safe.” Because of his fear, he didn’t use it to help himself or his master.

We are like first-aid kits. God has given us talents and abilities to help others. How tragic it would be for us to refuse to use them to help others because we are afraid to use them, we don’t think we have anything worth sharing, or because we’re afraid we’ll run out of talents. But when we “open” our lives—like this kit—and use our talents for others, we can comfort, support, and be of help to a lot of people. Actually, Jesus said when we use our talents, Jesus will give us more!

Say with me, “I am a first-aid kit for Jesus!”

[IDEA: Take 2” x 4” blank mailing labels and write “First Aid Kit Inside” for each child. Google Images can give you some ideas on pictures for them.]