

RESPONSIBILITY

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This half term, we have been learning about the Christian value of Responsibility. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Responsibility

We all have gifts, abilities and talents (the word talent originated from the word used to describe a gift of money in the Bible story opposite). We have a **responsibility** to use our talents for the good of others not just ourselves. Sometimes this will be enjoyable and fun but sometimes it will be hard work and might involve making sacrifices.

- What are your special talents?
- How are you using your talents to help others?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

“With great power,
comes great **responsibility**”
Spider-man



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Think about new ways that you can use your talents at home. What new responsibilities can you take on? Perhaps you could tidy your room or help clean the table. Draw a picture or write about your new responsibility and return it to school by **Friday 21st April 2017**.



READ TOGETHER... The Parable of the Talents

A ‘talent’ in the time that this story was written was a large sum of money.

Jesus told a story about a master who had three servants. He was going away for a long time. So he called his three servants to him and gave each a share of his money. To the first he gave five talents, to the second he gave two and to the third, one talent. The master wanted his servants to make the best use they could of his money while he was away.

When the master finally returned home he asked his servants how they had used the talents they had been given. The first servant had doubled his money to ten talents by buying a flock of sheep and selling all the lambs. The master was really pleased. With a big smile on his face he said,

“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have proved yourself trustworthy with little, now I will give you even more **responsibility**.”



The second had used his gifts as a potter, bought some clay, made some pots and sold them. Now he had four talents.

Again his master was delighted. “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have proved yourself trustworthy with little, now I will give you even more **responsibility**.”

But the servant who had been given just one talent had hidden it. Quietly, he told his master that he was afraid and had buried his talent in the ground in case he lost it. The face of his master became angry. “You lazy servant. You could at least have put the money in the bank and gained a little interest for when I returned.” And he ordered the one talent to be taken from him and given to one of the other servants.

Jesus wanted us to understand that however much money, or whatever talents or abilities we have been given, we each have a **responsibility** to make the most of these things, otherwise we risk losing them altogether.

Bible story based on Matthew 25:14-30



FASCINATING FACTS

Responsible Shopping

Fairtrade® began in England in 1992. The company was built on a belief that it is the **responsibility** of richer nations to ensure that workers are paid a fair price for their labour and the goods they produce, wherever in the world they live.



One of the first groups of workers to benefit were banana growers. Fairtrade® bananas first appeared on our supermarket shelves in 1994 and now 1 in 4 bananas sold in the UK comes from a Fairtrade® producer. Across the world people spend £10 billion per year on bananas.

