

Good Business

based on Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a man getting ready to go on a long trip. He must take care of many things, especially his business affairs. He called for three servants, men he could trust.

"I am going off on a long trip," he told them. "I want the three of you to take care of things for me."

He turned to the first servant. "I am giving you five valuable coins." To the next servant, he gave two coins. To the third servant, he gave one coin. Then the man left on his long trip.

The first servant, who had been given five coins, began making more money with those coins and now he had ten coins.

The second servant, who had two coins, did the same and soon had four coins.

The third servant wasn't sure what to do, so he dug a hole and buried the one coin that he had been given.

After a long time, the man returned and called for the servants. "Well," he said, "I am ready to settle my accounts with you."

The first servant said, "Sir, I have used your five coins to make five more coins, so now there are ten."

"Well done!" said the man. "You have done a good job with this task. I will put you in charge of even more."

The second servant said, "Sir, I have used the two coins you gave me and made two more."

"Well done!" said the man. "You too have done a good job. I will put you in charge of more, too."

The man looked at the third servant. "And you?" he asked.

"I know that you expect a lot. So instead of losing your coin, I buried it so it would be here when you returned."

"What?" shouted the man. "Why didn't you invest my coin and make more? I am taking your coin and giving it to the servant with the ten coins. Take this servant away from me!"



How many coins can you find in the picture?

Imagine that a coin was made just for you. Draw what your coin would look like.

