Poor Little Ted

Key Word: Talents

Key Verse: "... Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." *Matthew* 25:21

Jack had a big bag full of marbles from his birthday. He loved to play marbles with all his friends, and he got better and better at the game. He lost quite a few to start with, but soon he found he was winning nearly every game, and so his collection of marbles grew bigger and bigger.

Jim had some marbles, too. They weren't exactly his own, he'd borrowed them from his older brother. He played a lot with his marbles and had a lot of fun. At one time he nearly lost them all, but eventually he began to gain marbles from winning and he was able to give back his brother's marbles because he'd gained so many of his own.

Little Ted had just six marbles in a little container. His granny had given them to him. He loved his marbles so much that he was terrified of losing any of them, so he refused to play with them. That night little Ted hid the marbles under his pillow where no one could find them.

Jack grew up to be a brilliant businessman. He started in a small way and made lots of mistakes at first, but as his confidence grew he expanded his business until he became a millionaire. Jim grew up to find a steady job. He searched for a long time before he found work he loved, and it was very uncertain at first, but he had a lot of fun. He was always the life and soul of the party, and people loved to be near him.

Little Ted couldn't find a job when he grew up. He was afraid to look, in case people told him he was no good. He did have one pleasure in life. He married a beautiful wife whom he loved very much. But he was terrified of losing her, and so he hid her away at home where no one could find her.

One day his beautiful wife left him because she hated being kept at home every day. Little Ted shriveled up inside and hated the whole world. He tried so hard to keep everything he loved most just to himself, that he lost everything. And he never, ever, had any fun.

Questions

- 1. Are you ever tempted to be selfish and not to share?
- 2. Jesus tells us that if we share we will be rewarded. What does that mean?

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PROPERTY

JOURNEY

FIVE

NAM

Secret Phrase:

SEAVES

MONEY

RETEAM

TRADED

HOLE

Word Scramble

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Letter Tile Puzzle

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 Today's Gospel Story

 Is from

 Matthew 25: 14-30





Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.



Square O Dots

Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two dots together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!

