

"What do we bury our gifts WITH?" and "WHY do we bury?"

We bury what God has given us with EXCUSES, with Other Commitments. Lack of Faith, Laziness, Selfishness. We crowd him out. We bury our gift of compassion with being too embarrassed or too busy to help. Uncaring. Thinking we can't make a difference. Expand the list!

Older kids could come up with this list of "things which bury the gifts, opportunities to serve, help, give."

Bring in several large trashcans. Kids discuss how to Label the trashcans by what we use to bury God's gifts with (Excuse, Lack of Faith, etc). Kids now create the trash/dirt we use to bury those gifts. Give them stacks of old newspaper, or styrofoam packing, or things like gravel and bricks. All these things can be metaphors to the older kids to discuss. What gets in the way of using our talents for God's work?

Place "the gift" in the bottom of each can. It can be a small box sealed with a ribbon. Inside are slips of paper put there by the kids with a "talent" or "gift" that gets buried. Older kids can work in small groups with their trashcan, labeling it, filling it, making the gift and coming up with the slips.