

God Gives Us Gifts

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 2*.

❖ In the parable of the talents, the master tested the servants to see how they would use their gifts. He praised the two servants who doubled their money. He said that he was proud of them and that he knew he could trust them.

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❖ God gave all of us talents, or gifts, that make us special. God has a plan. We can help God carry out his plan by using the gifts and special abilities he has given us.

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❖ As a boy, David took good care of his father's sheep in Bethlehem. He even killed a lion and a bear that attacked them. David also protected his country by killing the warrior Goliath, using his skills with the slingshot.

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❖ David wrote psalms of praise and thanks. Psalms are poems written as songs.

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❖ When Samuel was sent by God to look for a new king, young David was called in from the fields. Samuel knew that David's heart pleased God. David won the love of all the people. He served his country well as its leader.

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❖ Talents are great things to have, and they come in all forms. All abilities are real talents if they are used to praise God and to help others.

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