Parable of the Talents: A Mini-Skit

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Alex
Sammy
Val

PROP CHECKLIST

Bible
Backpack

(Alex is on stage and waves Sammy and Val over.)

Alex: Hey, guys, over here! Have you decided what you want to do for the school talent show? I think I’m going to sing! My cousin says I sing really well. (Sings “Jesus Loves Me” operatic-style---can be bad singing)

Val: (Pause) Wow.

Sammy: Well, I’m going to dance! (Shows off a few moves) Oh yeah! Showing off my moves!

Alex: Ooo that’s cool! What about you, Val?

Val: I haven’t decided. To be honest, I don’t really know what to do.

Sammy: Well, what are you good at?

Val: I don’t know. I’ve never really thought about it. I’m kind of just “okay” at most things... but there’s nothing I’m really super good at, you know?

Alex: I bet if we all put our heads together, we’ll think of something. Don’t worry, Val!

Sammy: Yeah, we’re your best friends. We know you pretty well. Shouldn’t be hard at all.

Val: I guess...so you guys are going to do all the thinking for me?

Alex: Yup! No worries. We totally got this.

Val: Okay, well, how about I entertain you two with a story I read in the Bible while you think?

Sammy: Sounds good to me! I love stories.

Val: This is one of Jesus’s parables, which is a story that teaches a lesson.
Val: There once was a master. He had three servants, and one day he needed to go on a long trip. He told them to take care of things until he came back. This guy had a big job for his servants. He gave one five talents, one two talents, and the last servant got one talent. And talents were worth more than a thousand of our dollars today! It was a huge responsibility for his servants to take care of their master’s money until he came back.

Sammy: I’ll say. I can’t imagine having that much money or giving that much money to someone to take care of for me. That master must’ve trusted them a LOT.

Val: He did. So, he left, and the first and second servants both went out and doubled the talents they’d gotten. But the last servant did something else. He buried his talent in the yard! When the master came home, he was very pleased with the first two servants. Seeing that they had doubled his money, he put them in charge of even greater things.

Alex: Makes sense. My mom says if she can trust me with little things now, she’ll trust me with bigger things later.

Val: But then, he called the last guy over. The servant handed him the dirt-covered talent he’d buried. The master was surprised but not in a good way! The servant called his master mean and said he didn’t like working so hard when everything would belong to the master.

Sammy: Oh, no, he didn’t!

Val: Yes, he did! The master was so angry that he threw him out and gave the talent to the first servant. Jesus used this story to teach us that we are like the servants, and God is like the master. He gives us each different talents, which we should use to serve God and others. Just like how it wasn’t good for the servant to hide his talent, it isn’t right for us to hide our talents. We should share them with others to show God’s love and greatness.

Sammy: Wow, you know what, Val? You’re a great storyteller. I think that’s your talent!

Val: Really? You think so?

Alex: Yeah, I enjoyed your story and learned something too. That is definitely a talent.

Val: Okay then. Thanks, guys! Praise God! I think I’m ready for this talent show now! (All leave)

COSTUME SUGGESTIONS
Kid characters can wear regular street clothes.

SET SUGGESTIONS
Keep it simple by just leaving the stage as is.