

Make more of it

The text from Luke 19, 11-26 (the entrusted pounds) is to be thought through and experienced in practice. During the specified time, a certain amount is to be multiplied in a creative way. The money collected should benefit a social or missionary cause.

Basic Idea / Goal:

- Encourage teens in their skills
- To make the teen meeting place known to the general public
- To motivate the teens for social and missionary tasks
- To rediscover the value of constructive group activity
- To foster self-confidence in the teens
- To help the teen experience that with a common goal, many things are possible
- Challenge connection between faith and action

Duration: 1 year

Suitable for: This project has been carried out on a national level by the youth secretariat of the Chrischona congregations (led by Martin Zwicky) with much success. It is also suitable for a regional or local project.

Materials needed

- Start-up capital for each group
- Motivational letters to the leaders
- Information about the work being supported

Costs e.g. Fr. 10.- as starting capital for each group

Execution of the project: All teen groups work on the Bible text Luke 19, 16-25. This biblical statement should become an experience, a "new" discovery - How God thinks about us. Each teen group will receive Fr. 10.-. This amount is to be used for "work". This means that handicraft materials or other things can be bought in order to create "products". These are then sold on the street, in the community or at a bazaar. The proceeds are in turn used or converted into seeds = flowers, wool = knitting, clay = vessels etc - and these products are sold again. Rules of the game: Purchase of material etc. only with money actually available (first purchase therefore only with Fr. 10.-) Further purchases only with the proceeds actually received. Ideas that can be realized:

- Baking (braids, pretzels, popcorn, Guetzli, dessert, Wähen)
- Advent gifts, Easter ideas, bazaar
- Plants (flowers, vegetables)
- Aperitif
- Survey (without money)

- Fondue hook
- Mixing salad dressing
- Market
- Raffles
- Craft cards
- Benefit swim
- Pouring candles
- Wash a car
- Shadow play, singing
- Congregational breakfast
- Produce a CD

The whole project can be completed with a big handover party.

Important notes:

Initiators (e.g. leaders of a region) should send two to four information letters about the status of the action in other places and with details of the supported work to promote the project. This will keep reminding the various groups of your goal.

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