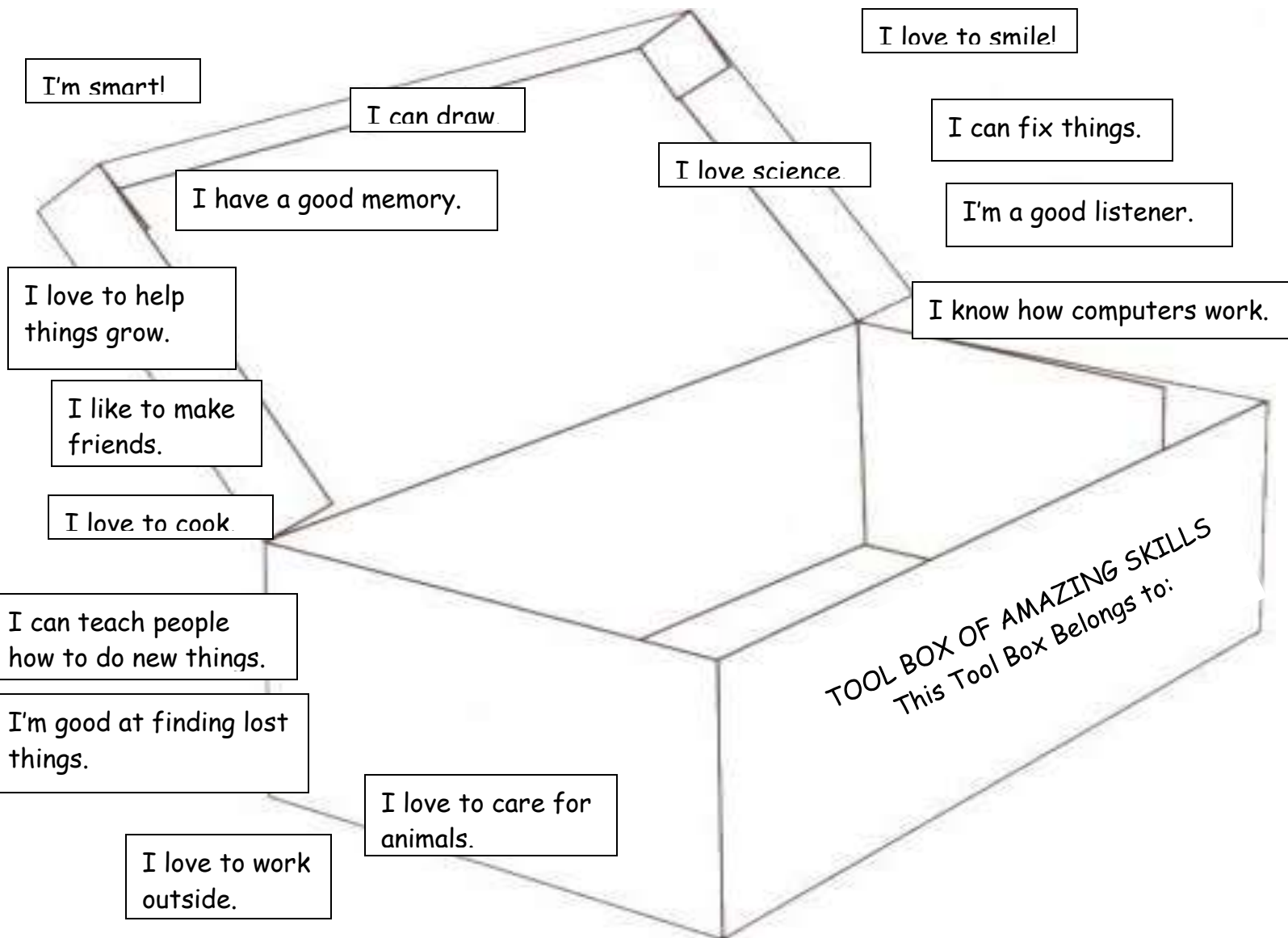


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
NOVEMBER 19, 2017—THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 28)
Using Your Tool Box of Amazing Skills



Jesus told a story about three people who were given a job to do. Two of the people did a terrific job. They used their skills and knowledge and worked hard. They were very successful, and their boss was very happy! The third person didn't do so well. He didn't use the skills or knowledge that he had and he didn't try to figure out the best way to get the job done. The boss was not happy because the third person didn't use any of the gifts, talents, skills and knowledge that he had to use. (Based on an interpretation of Matthew 25:14-30)

What tools do you have? How do you use them? How can you make the world a better place just by thinking, working hard and trying to do your best? DRAW YOUR SPECIAL TOOLS IN THIS EMPTY TOOL BOX. There are a few examples for you and I'm sure you can think of your own special gifts.

THE GOSPEL AND REAL LIFE

Amazing Gifts to Share

P G T G O T W H T A L E N T S
F N H E I K O M M E W S W R H
N I O Z Z F K O X W O V L E X
K G D E L P T P L E N M N W Y
J N Y N H U N S Y B S B Y V G
W A N V Q Y F G S L O V I N G
H H T W Q F H K S K G X V N T
I C N V J E A Q N N O J G R J
K T T O L T N G I A B Y A E Z
N P W P Y L U R E L H M M I J
Z I I X O A A M C F S T W P R
I N E G J H R S A R N H T I F
G M K C S A G V G Z C X M E F

thankful changing helping
smart loving sharing
talents gifts toolbox

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

Sometimes the parables that Jesus told can be harsh or seem unreasonable. There is always love behind the story. Sometimes Jesus uses exaggeration to get a point across. Today's Gospel is no exception. On the surface it seems unforgiving, but the context of it shows us that Jesus really wanted to people to understand the importance of what he was saying. "Use the gifts God has given you!" "Do your best to make the world a better place." "God is counting on you!" Talk with your kids about these troubling stories. If you have questions about them yourself, don't hesitate to ask your friendly neighborhood priest for help!

Dinner Table Conversations:

Tell about something that you did today to make the world a better place.

Name three things that you are good at. How do you use those special skills?

Name something that the person sitting on your right is good at. (Go around the table giving everyone a chance to do this.)