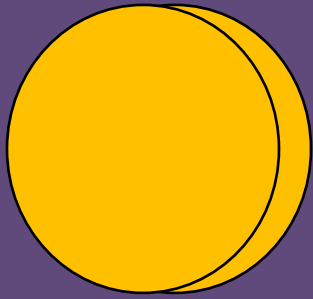
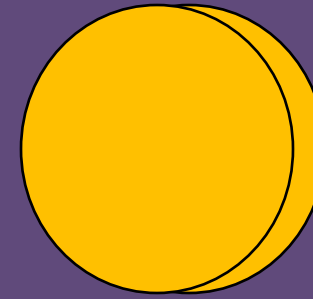
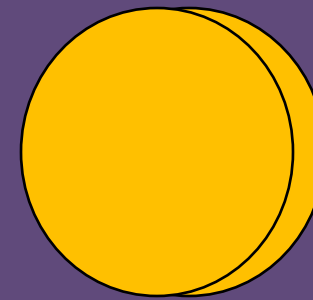


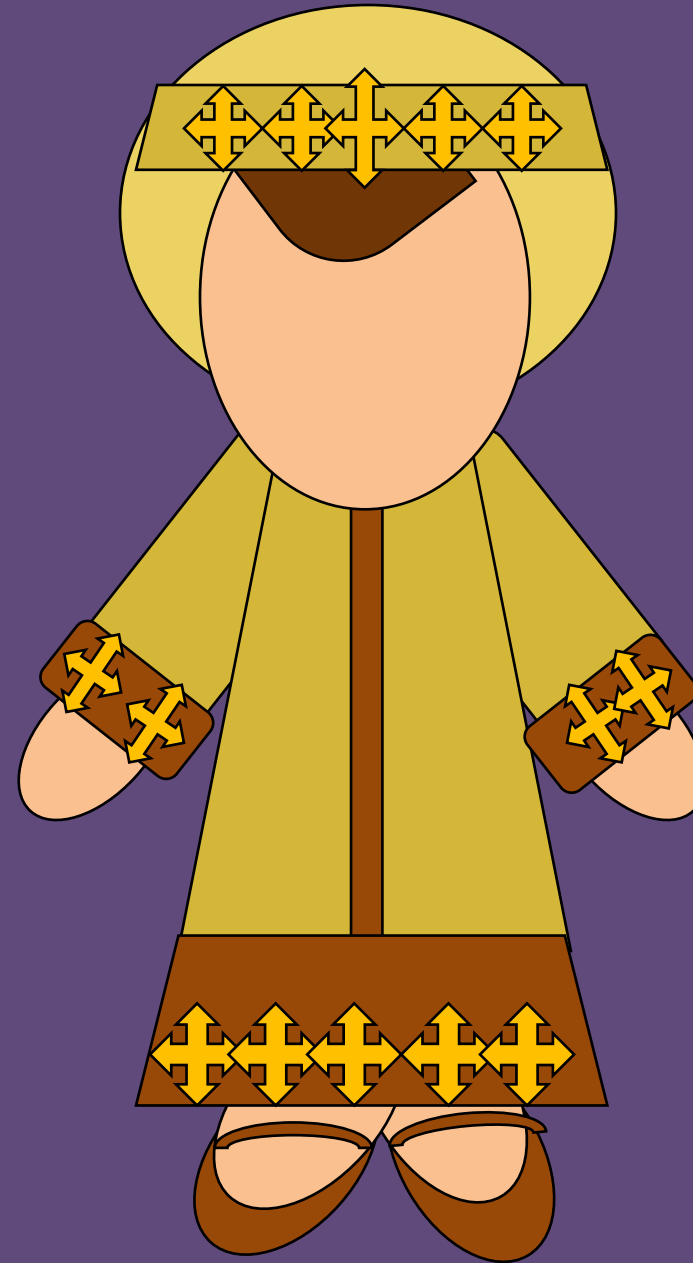
# Parable of the Pounds



Luke 19:12-27  
Matthew 19:16-28  
Mark 10  
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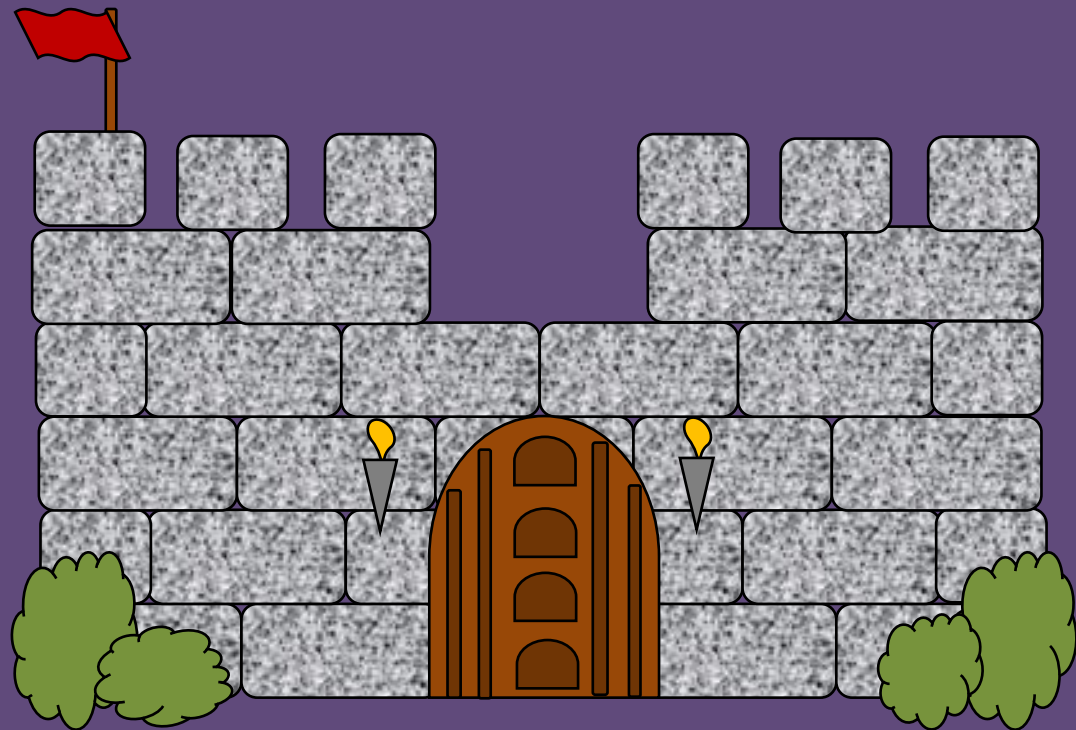
Christ is  
the  
nobleman



The far off  
country is  
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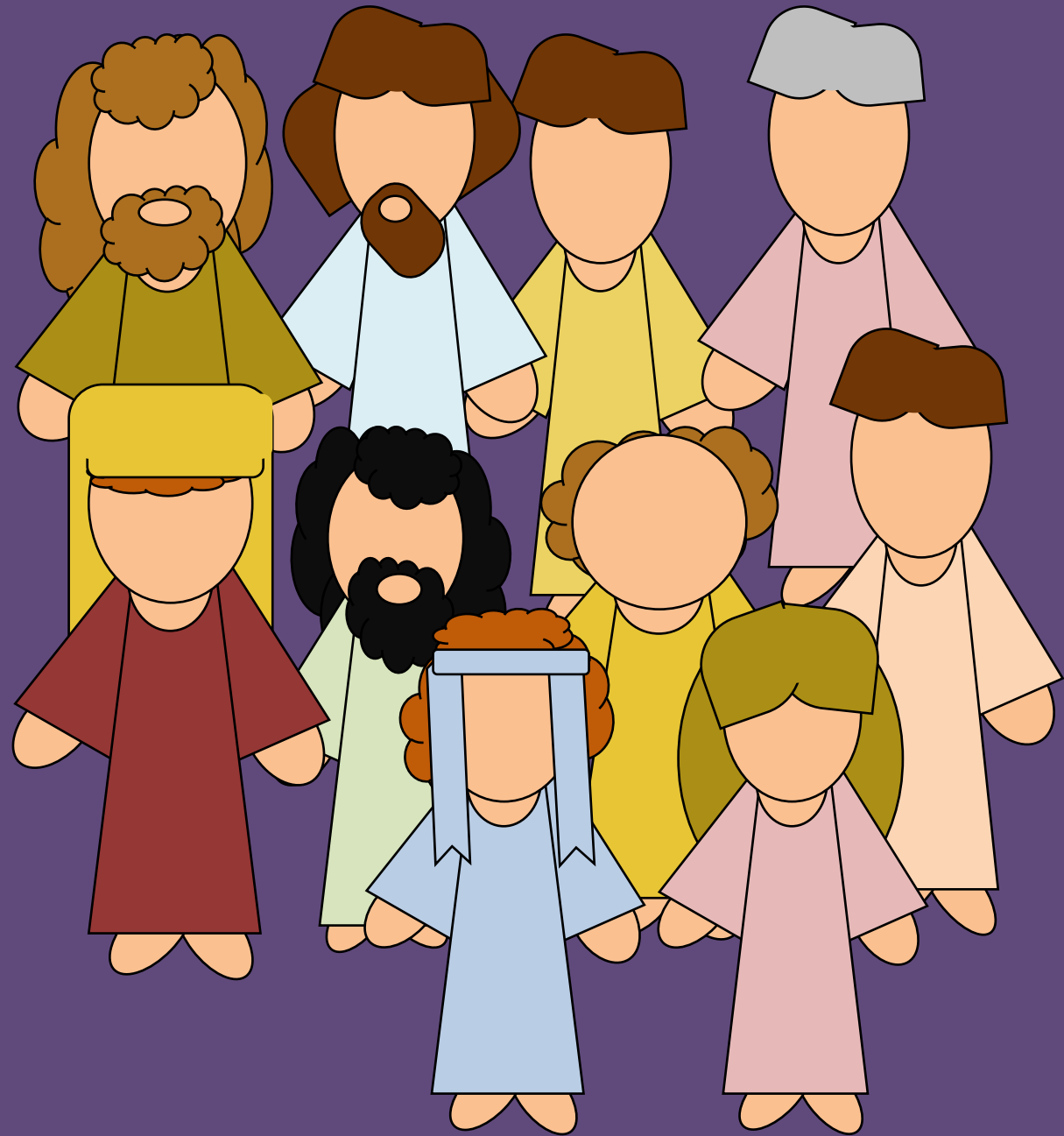
The Kingdom there to  
be given him is “all  
power”...in heaven  
and in earth



And his promised return is  
the glorious Second  
Coming, when the literal  
and visible kingdom shall  
be set up on earth.



The ten servants are the members of the Church, to whom he has given physical, mental, and spiritual capacities (pounds) to be used in his service.



Those designated as “citizens” are the other people in the world, those who are subject to him because he is the God of the whole earth, but who have not accepted his gospel and come into his fold as servants.

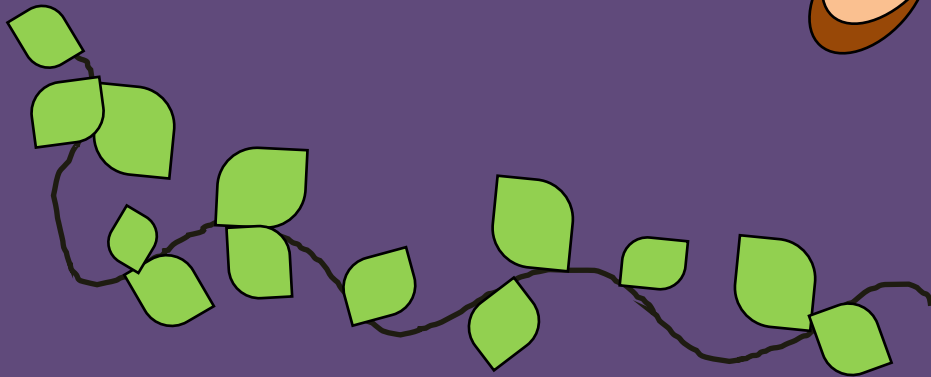
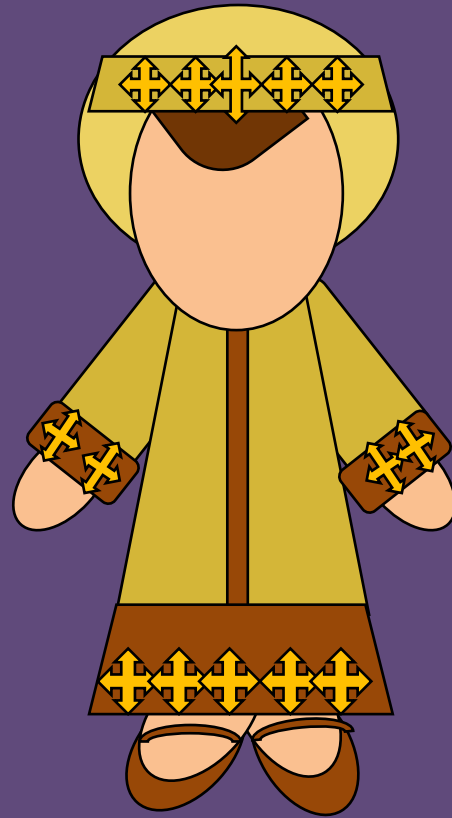


The servants are  
commanded to labor  
in the vineyard on  
their Lord's errand  
until he returns.

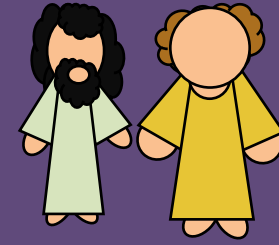




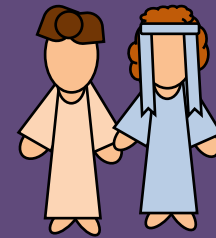
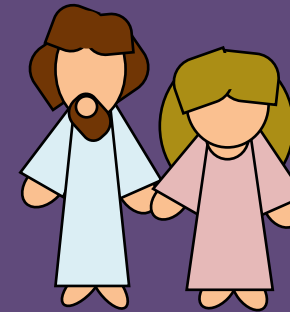
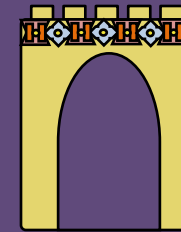
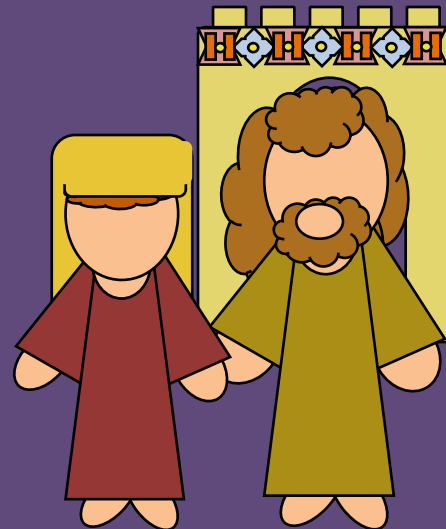
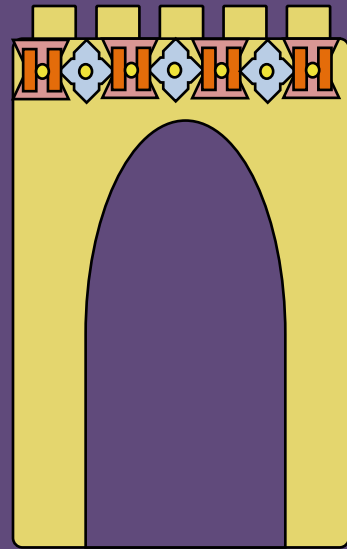
When the nobleman returns to judge the world, he will reward his servants in accordance with their works.



All shall not receive the same status  
in the mansions which are  
prepared; there are degrees of  
glory.



Some will rule ten cities, others five,  
and those who were slothful shall  
be disinherited entirely.



Unused faculties are lost; rightly used abilities can be increased until perfection is attained.

“Unto every servant who is diligent shall be given great reward; and from him who is slothful shall be taken away even the light, abilities, and faculties which he had.

