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Wednesday Drama – The Talents

1. Play video of the Talents
2. Gather in Groups
 - a. What was the most important part of the story?
 - b. Is it that they doubled their money? Or is it that one servant did not?
 - c. What kind of talents, or gifts has God given you?
 - d. How do you feel when you use them?
 - e. Do you get rewarded ie. Trophy, medal, recognition or kind word?
 - f. Do you usually like what doing what you are best at?

God gives us gifts and also the ability and desire to use them. Our drama activity today is going to help us show how best we can identify and use our gifts to benefit the kingdom and the team!

3. The four teams
 - a. RUNNERS: Perfect match of gift and will
 - b. JUMPERS: Almost a match of gift and will
 - c. THROWERS: Ignoring gift and choosing something else
 - d. HURDLERS: Too afraid to use gift
4. Each group will determine the characteristics of their team
 - a. Runners: This team is all of the fast runners. They are going to compete in the relay race and are excited about it. They will have to decide what order they are going to compete. The fastest first because they like to take the lead, the stable runners in the middle to hold the position and the most competitive at the end.
 - i. How will they train? What characteristics will they have?
 - b. Jumpers: This team is good at jumping, but it is the high jump? Or the long jump? Or the triple jump? They must decide and try out each type of jump so that they can do the one that they are best at to advance the team forward. One person ends up in each event.
 - i. How do they figure out which event? What's the process?
 - c. Throwers: These team members are really strong and powerful but not very fast. They can throw really far. BUT they do not want to throw at all. They insist on running the relay against Team A.
 - i. How are they coming to their decision? Is it based on fact?
 - d. Hurdlers: This team is good at the hurdles and has spent their lives practicing and getting ready for this day. They get to the Olympics and

become all doom and gloom. What if they lose? What if they get embarrassed? What if they get hurt?

- i. What are they afraid of?

5. Race Day and how each team performs

- a. Runners – win the race, get gold and sponsorship for millions
- b. Jumpers – does well and get medals for their events and team recognition
- c. Throwers – lose against the runners, get angry and upset
- d. Hurdlers – team is disqualified

6. Performance – pick 2 or 3 kids from each group to perform their area with the teen as leader. Each day different kids can do it or you can run through the skit twice allowing some to watch and some to participate.

ACTION!

(Pan to the locker room where the coach is talking to the Track and Field team)

Coach: We finally made it to the St Monicas Summer Olympics, way to go! We have an exciting week ahead of us so let's get started. Let's have everyone confirm which events they are going to be competing in this week.

- a. Runners – We'd like to Run and Run FAST! We've decided to do the 4x4 relay race and take on the fast teams like Zimbabwe and Nigeria.

Coach : Sounds great, I'm glad you're so excited about it. Here is the baton – get practicing!

- b. Jumpers – We love to jump so we are going to compete in the jumping events. We just have to identify which jumping events each of us will do.

Coach: You're right, you'll need some time to find that out between the long jump, high jump and triple jump. Get working on discerning that and let me know.

- c. Throwers – We want to run, it'd be fun! We'd like to feel the wind in our hair and get all of the attention. The runners always get all of the attention.

Coach: Run? Are you sure? You really have shown remarkable results throwing the discus, the shotput or the javelin. I think that you'd benefit the team MOST by competing in this event. (the team mates whine) Ok, Ok, I don't have time for this, go ahead and run.

- d. Hurdlers – We're hurdlers at heart and we're all trained and prepared for the event but we just don't think that we can do it! What if we get hurt? What if we get laughed at? What if What if What if???

Coach: I just want you to give it your best! (team mumbles and grumbles)

(Pan to the teams and their action outlined in step 4)

RACE DAY!

SA: Here we are at the St Monica's Summer Olympics Track and Field events. What a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky and not too hot down on the track. Let's see how our team is doing down there.

The Runners are warming up, practicing their hand offs and looking comfortable and confident. The Jumpers look like they have finally worked out the kinks we were seeing in practice this week. They seem comfortable in the events they just picked and are busy getting ready. The Throwers look certainly willing but their bodies don't look like they are cooperating. I'm not sure how they are going to do out there on the track today. The Hurdlers don't seem to be prepared at all down there. It looks like they are all huddled together and is that someone crying?

Runners & Throwers

Here we go, it's time for the relay race! Down on the track we have the Runners in lane 1 and the Throwers in lane 3. Ready, Set Go! They are off. Lane 1 has a fast lead off runner, look at them go! They are setting themselves apart from the rest. Lane 3 is having a bit of trouble. They can't get up enough speed. Their hand offs are slopping and I think they just dropped the baton! What a disaster! The Runners have finished the race and have taken the Gold! They beat the fastest teams in the world and broke a record as well!

Jumpers

Now that the action is over on the track, let's see how our jumpers are doing in their events. Wow, a 20 foot long jump and a new record! The high jump takes patience and amazing strength and lift. Wow look at how high he has jumped. It's twice his height! The triple jump looks kind of cumbersome and it surely takes someone gifted to do that event. 1,2,3 and it looks like they did it! Take a medal home in each category, our Jumpers certainly advanced the team!

Hurdlers

This just in: I have an announcement that the Hurdling team has been disqualified from the races. They did not show for the registration and have yet to appear on the track today.

What an up and down day for the St Monicas team. Let's go back to the locker room and see what the coach says:

Coach:

Runners – Great job! You got the gold (applause). You really represented the team well by trying your best, being good sports and role models. Because you were such great all

around competitors, NIKE has asked if you would support their products. You will each get \$1 Million and all of the running shoes you'll ever need!!

Jumpers – You did a fantastic job defining your best talents. You looked like you were enjoying yourself and had fun and were comfortable with each event. For your efforts you won two silver and a bronze medal. You also broke some long standing St Monica's team records.

Throwers – I know that you really wanted to run but that is not how you most benefited the team. You are all great throwers...you could have taken home some medals for St Monica's in the discus and the shot put but you foolishly chose to do something you weren't good at put the team at risk. For the good of the team, you are going to have to utilize the talents that God gave you and you will also succeed for yourself as well.

Hurdlers – I don't know what happened to you out there today! You were ready, you were prepared. You've trained for this day for years!! You have allowed your fear to beat you and stop you from doing your best. We all have to do our best to advance the team and you need to know that you are not alone in that. God is with you at each and every moment and at each and every hurdle. Do not be afraid.

(SA interviews the coach)

SA – So coach, this is the first year you have brought a team to the St Monica's Summer Olympics. What have you learned?

Coach – I am very proud of my team. We had some ups and downs but we are still learning how to improve ourselves as well as how we can improve as a team. I know I am a gifted leader but I think that I tried to lead by myself and I should have asked God to help me motivate these folks. If I had asked for his guidance in choosing the events for everyone we may have advanced further in the finals. If I had done this I might have remembered the words of St. Paul "Run, so as to win"

MUSIC BREAK

Closing and Summary

1. How were the athletes like the servants? Which team was the servant who doubled the money? Which team was the one that buried the money?
2. Did each team use their gifts that God gave them?
3. Do we all have gifts? How can we identify what those gifts are?
4. Who do we owe thanks to when we succeed at using our gifts?