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Auggie's Talent

"Mom?" Auggie walked into the kitchen. "Sister Olsen asked me to accompany the primary on the piano for a musical number we'll be doing soon. I- I told her I'd think about it."

"Wow! What a special opportunity!" Mom exclaimed as she washed her hands. "What's keeping you from accepting the offer?"

"Well," Auggie ran his fingers through his hair. "I don't really want people to know I play the piano. Sam makes fun of it, and I don't want others to make fun of me."

"Auggie," Mom sat him down next to her at the kitchen island. "You have been learning and practicing the piano for three years now! That's an amazing accomplishment! You know, this reminds me- "

"Of a story in the scriptures?" Auggie guessed. Mom laughed.

"As a matter of fact, yes, Mr. Smarty-Pants! Jesus told a parable called, 'The Parable of the Talents.' In it, there were three servants and a lord. The lord was going away for a while and gave each servant some talents. Talents were coins. Two of the servants worked hard and earned even more talents while the third servant buried his talent. When the lord returned, he was pleased that the first two servants developed more talents. But he was angry with the third servant for hiding his talent and gave his talent away. See, Auggie, Heavenly Father gives us amazing abilities. He wants us to use them to improve and grow. Our talents can help serve others and make them happy."

"So, if I play the piano, I'll make people happy?" Auggie asked.

"Of course, silly!" Mom nudged Auggie. "The ward will be happy, I will be happy, you will be happy, and Heavenly Father will be happy."

"Wow, that's a lot of happy people! Okay, I'll do it." Auggie decided.

"Thank you for sharing your talent," Mom said as she hugged Auggie tight.