



Week 3: Generosity with Our Money

Widow's Offering - Mark 12:41-44

Lesson Overview:

Today's Point: My money is a gift from God that I can use to help build His kingdom.

Key Verse: Hebrews 13:16 (NLT)

And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

Videos:

Giving Song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apAJh7T_fFw

Widow's Offering Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJo6WDxBCRc>

Read the scripture passage to familiarize yourself with the story.

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There are several things that the story of the widow's mite teaches us. **First**, God sees what man overlooks. The big gifts in the temple were surely noticed by people; that's probably what the disciples were watching. But Jesus saw what no one else did: He saw the humble gift of a poor widow. This was the gift that Jesus thought worthy of comment; this was the gift that the disciples needed to be aware of. The other gifts in the treasury that day made a lot of noise as they jingled into the receptacles, but the widow's mites were heard in heaven.

Second, God's evaluation is different from man's. The widow's two mites added up to a penny, according to man's tabulation. But Jesus said that she had given *more* than anyone else that day ([Mark 12:43](#)). How could this be, when "many rich people threw in large amounts" ([Mark 12:41](#))? The difference is one of proportion. The rich were giving large sums, but they



still retained their fortunes; the widow “put in everything—all she had to live on” ([Mark 12:44](#)). Hers was a true sacrifice; the rich had not begun to give to the level of her sacrifice.

Third, God commends giving in faith. Here was a woman in need of *receiving* charity, yet she had a heart to give. Even though the amount was negligible—what could a widow’s mite buy?—she gave it in faith that God could use it. The widow’s faith is also evident in the fact that she gave the *last* of her money. Like the [widow of Zarephath](#), who gave her last meal to Elijah (see [1 Kings 17:7–16](#)), the widow in the temple gave away her last means of self-support. Does that mean the widow left the temple completely destitute, went home, and died of starvation? No. The Bible teaches that God provides for our needs ([Matthew 6:25–34](#)). We don’t know the details of this particular widow’s future, but we can be certain that she was provided for. Just as God provided for the widow and her son in Elijah’s day ([1 Kings 17:15–16](#)), God also provided for the widow in Jesus’ day.



Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

What would you do with a million dollars?

Ask the kids how they could use some of that money for God's kingdom.

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

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Giving Song (3 min.)

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Bible Story (15 min.)

Preteach the story of the widow's offering. Help the students understand that God isn't concerned about how much money we give. He wants us to give money because we love Him and understand that our money helps to build God's kingdom. Explain that the Bible teaches that we should give at least 10% of what we earn to God.

Have one of the kids look up and read **Luke 6:38**: Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together



to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Help the kids understand that when we give to God, He always gives back so we have what we need.

Watch Talents video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4M7BHiN5Ro0&t=1s>

Review questions:

- What did Jesus mean when he said the widow gave more than the rich people had given?
- As a kid, you probably don't have a lot of money. How can you be like the widow with what you do have?
- What did Jesus promise would happen when we give to God? (Luke 6:38)

Giving Activity (5 min.)

Give each child 10 coins. Have each child put one of their coins in a basket. Ask them how many they have left now. Ask them what they would do with the remaining money if each coin was worth \$10. Ask them if they think God is being fair when He asks us to give 10% of what we earn. Help them see that He does leave us with plenty of money to live on. Encourage the kids to start giving whenever they earn money or are given money as a gift.

Bible verse review (5 min.)

Treasure Hunt Bible Memory Verse Game

Say: What's the most expensive and valuable thing you can think of? God's Word is worth way more than all the expensive treasures of the world put together because it tells us about God and how we can be with him forever! The Bible is God's message to us and we can treasure it in our hearts Do:
Read and explain the memory verse again. Have one child close their eyes while another child hides the “treasure” somewhere in the room. After



the object is hidden, the rest of the children can say the verse together and guide the treasure hunter to the treasure by saying the verse louder when he moves closer to the treasure and softer when he moves further from it. When he finds the treasure, hide it again and keep playing.

Respond: God's Word is more wonderful than any treasure you can imagine! When you see money or maybe a fancy car or something else that's valuable, think about how precious and valuable God's Word is.

Ideas for time remaining:

Coloring sheet - talk to the kids about the lesson again

Sword Drills

Free play



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