

# A WIDOW GAVE ALL SHE HAD



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

### SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack.

### MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Guide the children to hop to group time. Encourage them to hop softly as they reach the group-time area and sit down quietly with their hands in their laps.

### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

**A WIDOW GAVE ALL SHE HAD—BASED ON MARK 12:41-44; LUKE 21:1-4**

- » Put 2 coins in a clear plastic jar and put 10 coins in another jar. Seal the lids with heavy tape. Pass the jars around the group and encourage the children to shake the jars and tell which one has more money inside. Ask the children to listen for who in today's Bible story had only 2 coins.

### SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » Jesus watched the people putting their money in the temple offering boxes.
- » The rich men threw a lot of money in the boxes.
- » Jesus saw a poor widow walk toward the offering boxes. She could not bring a large offering.
- » Jesus saw the widow drop two small coins in the offering box.
- » Jesus told His disciples that the widow put in more money than anyone else.
- » Jesus said, "The rich men only gave some of their money. The widow gave all she had."

### REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » What was Jesus watching the people do?
- » How many coins did the widow put in the offering box?
- » Why did Jesus tell His disciples that the widow put in more than anyone else?

### EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Tell the children that people at church give offerings.

### ROOM

### YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

### DATE OF USE

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People give money at church.

### LIFE POINT

People at church give offerings.

### UNIT VERSE

Come, let us worship God.  
*Psalm 95:6*

### WEEKLY VERSE

Bring an offering to church. *Malachi 3:10*

## SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”:

*Bring an offering, bring an offering,*

*To the Lord, to the Lord.*

*Bring an offering to Him.*

*Bring an offering to Him.*

*Worship Him, worship Him.*

## SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Write the numbers 1–6 on individual sheets of paper. Lay them in order, facedown on the table. Write one word of the Weekly Verse plus the reference on individual pieces of paper. Turn them over so the numbers show and arrange them in a mixed-up order. Encourage the children to put them in order. Guide the preschoolers to turn the numbers over. Point to each word as you read the verse. Lead the children to repeat the verse.

## PRAY

Remind the children that giving an offering is one of the ways we can worship God. Lead in prayer and ask God to help everyone worship Him. Thank God we can give an offering.

## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

**Emphasize: People at church give offerings.**

- 1. Read with friends.** Arrange an assortment of books about God, Jesus, and church on a mat. Sit with the children as they begin to look at the books. Open the Bible to Malachi 3:10 and read the Weekly Verse. Comment that giving an offering is one way we can worship God. Read the book *Come Let Us Worship God* (if available) to the children.
- 2. Hop in a line.** Write numbers 1–10 on sheets of heavyweight paper and tape to the floor in a line. Allow a few inches between each number. Show the preschoolers how to stand beside number 1 and hop to the next number as they count to 10. Encourage them to take turns counting. Point to number 2 and remind the children the widow gave two coins and that was all she had. Repeat the Weekly Verse.
- 3. Match worship items.** Gather two musical instruments, two Bibles, and two offering plates and place them on a table. Place one of each item in a large box. Invite the children to play a

matching game with you. Describe and name the three items. Ask the preschoolers to help tell how they are used in worship. Lead a child to reach into the box and choose one item. Tell him to name the item before he pulls it out and matches it to an item on the table. Continue until all are matched. Vary the game by asking the boys and girls to name the item they are going to find before they reach into the box. Say the Unit Verse and invite the children to repeat it with you.

- 4. Play instruments.** Remark that giving an offering is one way we can worship God. Ask the children to tell things they recall from the Bible story. Demonstrate how to tap or play an instrument once on each syllable as you say: “Bring an offering to church.” Encourage the children to choose a musical instrument and repeat the verse with you as they play their instruments. Play slow and soft, then fast and loud as you repeat the verse.

## CLEAN UP

Suggest the children pick up two things and put them away and then pick up two more things. Continue until the room is clean. Remind children the widow gave two coins. She gave all she had.

## PLAY A PASSING GAME

Sit in a circle with the children. Explain how to pass a box around the circle. Tell the preschoolers when they start passing the box, they will need to listen carefully to hear you say to “stop” or “pass the other way.” Begin passing the box, change directions and pass again. Stop the game after changing directions several times and comment that the box reminds you of a box in our story today. The people came to the temple and dropped their coins in an offering box. God wants us to bring an offering to church. Repeat the game as time allows and speed up then slow down how fast you direct the children to pass the box.

## DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.