

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GIVING



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

1s–2s: Place the snack on the tables.

3s–5s: Choose children to help serve the snack. Ask a volunteer to pray. Remind preschoolers to clean their snack areas.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

1s–2s: Tell the Bible story as the children snack. Then allow the children to play in the room.

3s–5s: Lead the preschoolers to hop to the group-time area.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GIVING—BASED ON MARK 12:41-44

- Display a piggy bank. Ask the children to name what goes in a bank. Mention that just like people can put money in a bank, people can also give money at church. Open a Bible to Mark 12. Tell the Bible story.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

(Use words in **bold** for babies–2s; all words for 3s–5s.)

- **Jesus and His helpers were at the temple (church). Jesus watched as people dropped money into boxes.**
- **Some rich people gave a lot of money. Jesus watched a poor woman put two tiny coins in the box.**
- **Jesus told His helpers, “This woman gave more than all the other people.”**
- Jesus explained that the rich people only gave some of their money, but **the woman gave all she had.**

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- Where were Jesus and His helpers?
- What was Jesus watching people do?
- What did the poor woman put in the box?
- Who did Jesus say gave more than the others?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- Say that Jesus taught about giving to God.

ROOM
YOUR TEACHING PARTNERS
DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus loves people.

LIFE POINT

Jesus taught about giving to God.

UNIT VERSE

God sent Jesus to teach the good news. Luke 4:18

WEEKLY VERSE

God sent Jesus to teach the good news. Luke 4:18

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell”:

I can give to God.

Oh, I can give to God.

God wants me to give my all.

Oh, I can give to God.

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Assist a child in opening a Bible to Luke 4:18. Read aloud the verse. Lead the kids to repeat the verse with you using different animal voices such as growling bear, tiny mouse, and a hissing snake.

PRAY

Invite the children to tell prayer requests.

Encourage several kids to pray. Pray, mentioning the kids’ requests and thanking God that we can come together at church to learn more about Him.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: Jesus taught about giving to God.

- 1. Make envelope banks.** Give each child an envelope and crayons or markers. Invite the kids to decorate their envelopes. Mention that they can take their envelopes home to collect money to give to God. Say that the boys and girls can bring these back to church and give money to God, just like Jesus taught.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Let the children play with purses and wallets.

- 2. Drop beanbags.** Place an offering plate on the floor. Provide beanbags for the kids to take turns dropping and tossing into the plate. State: “This is an offering plate. People at church can put their offerings in this plate. We will drop or toss beanbags into the plate.” Help the kids toss. Suggest they stand farther away and toss. Mention that we can give money to the church. Say that the money we give the church helps people and groups tell people about Jesus.

Adapt for Babies–1s: Let the children hold and play with canning jar flats.

Challenge 4s–5s: Tape cardboard tubes to a wall. Let the kids drop small items (balls, cars, pom-poms) through the tubes in groups of two.

- 3. Participate in relays.** Collect an even amount of assorted toys, blocks, or markers. Place the toys in two separate piles on one end of the room. Place two buckets on the opposite sides of the room from the toys. Form two teams beside the toys. Instruct: “Each person will take a turn picking an item, running to the bucket, dropping the item in, and returning to your team. The next person will run the relay.” Continue playing until both teams place all of their toys in the buckets. Mention that in our Bible story, the people dropped coins into boxes. Say that Jesus taught about giving to God.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Let the kids fill and dump items in buckets or boxes.

- 4. Find the verse coins.** Cut out circles from yellow construction paper to represent coins. Write one word of the Weekly Verse on each circle. Place one dot underneath the first word, two dots underneath the second word, and so on to help the children place the coins in verse order. Hide the coins in a sensory bin. Invite a child to find a coin in the bin. Continue until each coin is found. Assist the kids in putting the coins in order. Read aloud the words on the coins. Invite the kids to repeat the words after you.

Adapt for Babies–1s: Drop a few real coins in a clear plastic container or ziplock bag filled with sand, salt, or sugar. Help the children pat, squish, and move the filler around to see the coins.

CLEAN UP

Lead the boys and girls to clean up their activities.

ROLL AND SAY

Gather the children in a circle. Gently toss a beanbag to a child. Ask the child a simple Bible story review question or guide her to repeat the Life Point. Encourage the child to gently toss the beanbag to another kid in the circle. Ask the child a question or invite him to repeat the Life Point. Continue until each child gets a turn.

DISMISS

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