

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GIVING



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the kids 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. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Lead the preschoolers to move to the group-time area as they sing these words to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”: “If you’re ready to learn more, clap your hands (*clap, clap*). / If you’re ready to learn more, clap your hands (*clap, clap*). / If you’re ready to learn more, take a seat here on the floor. / If you’re ready to learn more, clap your hands (*clap, clap*).”

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

- 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 she 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 the verse aloud. Invite the kids to repeat the verse several times. Say the verse again, leaving out one of the words. Encourage the preschoolers to determine which word is missing. Repeat the verse, leaving out additional words each time. Lead the boys and girls to say the missing words.

PRAY

Invite the children to share any prayer requests they may have. Pray for these. Encourage several kids to pray if they would like. Close the prayer, thanking God that people can come together at church to learn more about Him.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: Jesus taught about giving to God.

- 1. Make an envelope bank.** 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.
- 2. Toss a coin.** Display a coin (quarter size or larger). Explain to the children that there are “heads” and “tails” sides of the coin. Lead a child to say: “heads” or “tails.” Flip the coin and say which it lands on. If the coin lands on heads, say and repeat the Life Point. If the coin lands on tails, say and repeat the Weekly Verse. **Caution:** coins can be a choking hazard. Supervise the kids around the coin carefully.
- 3. Participate in a relay.** Collect an assortment of toys, at least one per child if possible. Place the toys in two separate piles. Form two teams of preschoolers. Assign each team a pile of toys placed on one side of the room and a large

bucket placed on the opposite side of the room. Guide the boys and girls to participate in a relay to see which team can get their toys to their buckets the fastest. Invite the first child in each line to choose a toy and take it to their team’s bucket. Continue playing until each team places all of their toys in the buckets. Comment that they did a great job sharing all the toys they had. Mention that in today’s Bible story, the poor woman gave all she had. Say that Jesus taught about giving to God.

- 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. Draw 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 all are found. Assist the kids in putting the coins in order. Read the words on the coins and invite the preschoolers to repeat them after you.

CLEAN UP

Invite the boys and girls to clean up their activities. Thank them for their hard work and for following instructions.

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 has 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.