



Unit 1

GROUP TIME WITH

BONUS TEACHING IDEAS

SESSION 4

MOVE TO GROUP TIME. Invite the kids to look around the room, to find the coins, and to bring the coins to the group-time area. Collect the coins by guiding each child to drop his coins through the slot in the box.

SING. Play “God Sent Jesus” and lead the kids in singing.

CONTINUE SINGING. Sing “Jesus Taught Us How to Live.”

LEARN THE UNIT/WEEKLY VERSE. Show the “Luke 4:18” poster and read it aloud. Ask the kids to repeat it, clapping on each word.

READ A BOOK. Read “God Sent” aloud as you lead the kids to say the words of the verse in the book with you.

SING TOGETHER. Sing the song “66 Books.” Remind kids that the Bible story comes from the New Testament book of Mark.

SHOW THE GOSPEL WORD CARD. Read the word. Ask if anyone remembers what the word means. Ask kids to repeat phrases of the definition after you.

TELL THE BIBLE STORY. Ask kids to listen for what Jesus taught His disciples. Open the Bible to Mark 12 and show the teaching picture. Tell the Bible story in your own words with the Bible open on your lap.

Jesus Taught About Giving Mark 12:41-44

Jesus was with His disciples in the temple (church). As they sat near the boxes where people gave their money, Jesus watched as the people dropped money in the boxes. Some rich people put in large amounts of money.

Jesus watched as a poor widow (woman whose husband had died) came to the containers. She dropped in two small coins. Jesus said to His disciples, “This poor widow gave more than any of the other people. They gave out of their extra money, but the woman gave all she had.”

REVIEW THE STORY. Give a coin to each child. Open the box, ask review questions, and prompt kindergartners to take turns tossing coins into the box while answering. Questions: “Where were Jesus and His disciples sitting? (*near the boxes where people gave money*) What were people putting in the boxes? (*money*) How much did the poor widow give? (*two coins*) Were the two coins worth much? (*no*) How did Jesus react to her offering? (*He said that she gave more than others.*) How much did Jesus say the woman had given?” (*all that she had*)

LEARN THE LIFE POINT. Read the Life Point aloud and select a child to tape it to the bottom of the banner. Emphasize that the woman in the Bible story gave everything she had. Jesus said that her small offering was more than other people’s gifts because she gave all she had.

MAKE A CHRIST CONNECTION. Giving offerings at church is one way Jesus taught to worship God. People can obey by giving like Jesus said to give.

GIVE A GIFT. Distribute paper and crayons. Assist kindergartners to write *I prayed for you* at the bottom of their papers. Tell the kids to draw a self-portrait of themselves to give to a church staff person.

PRAY. Thank God for sending Jesus to teach us how to give to God.

WRAP IT UP. Show “Jesus Taught About Giving” video.