

March 31- Orchard Kids

Jesus Taught About Giving

Life Point

Jesus taught about giving to God

BIBLE PASSAGE

Mark 12:41-44

Unit VERSE

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

Elementary- The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Luke 4:18 (NIV)

A NOTE FOR PARENTS

Parents, today's Bible story helps your child learn about giving. Jesus taught that when we give, we worship and honor God. In the story of the poor widow, Jesus knew her heart in giving was different from all the others who gave much. What does your child give to God? Begin helping your child develop a spirit of cheerful giving by planning activities to allow them to participate in giving their time, talents, and money.

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—Based on Mark 12:41-44

One day Jesus and His disciples were at the temple. Jesus was watching the people drop their money into the temple offering boxes.

He saw rich people put in a lot of money. The coins clanged loudly as they fell into the boxes.

Then a poor woman, whose husband had died, walked up to an offering box. Jesus watched her put two small coins into the box. Her coins made a soft jingle as they fell into the box.

Jesus told His disciples, "This poor woman gave two small coins. She gave more than all the other people." Jesus' helpers did not understand what Jesus meant. Jesus explained that the rich people put in some of their money. The woman gave all of her money.

*Review the Bible Story

- What was Jesus watching in the temple? (*Jesus was watching people bring their offerings to church.*)
- Did the rich people put in a little money or a lot of money? (*a lot of money*)
- How many coins did the widow put in the box? (*two small coins*)
- Who did Jesus say gave more? (*the widow woman*)
- Why did Jesus say the woman put in more money than the other people? (*She gave all she had.*)
- Why didn't the woman have more money? (*She was a widow and didn't have a husband to take care of her.*)
- Name some other ways, besides giving money, that people can give to God. (*Answers may vary, but should include that people can give time, help, and things they own.*)

BIBLE STUDY ACTIVITIES

*Build the Temple

Things you need: Lego blocks or wooden blocks, people figures

Explain that in today's lesson, Jesus and His disciples were at the temple and Jesus was watching people give their offerings. Guide your child to build a temple with the blocks. Suggest they use the people figures to play out the Bible story in the temple they built.

*Build an offering box.

Things you need: Lego blocks, a tissue box, stickers, markers, washi tape, envelopes or recycled jar that you don't need anymore, something the kids can use to put money in for offering. It can even be paper folded in half and stapled to create an envelope.

Guide your child to use supplies in your home to make an offering box. As they work, talk about the Bible story. Explain that Jesus told His helpers that the woman gave more than anyone because she gave all she had. Tell your child that people at your church give money and other things to God when they bring these things to church. The gifts that people bring help your church tell about Jesus.

*Sort coins.

Things you need: muffin pan, various coins

Place a variety of coins in a small bowl beside a muffin pan. Suggest your child sort the coins in the muffin pan by color, type, or size. Talk about how the coins are similar or different. Talk about the Bible story. Say that even though the woman only gave two coins, Jesus said she gave the most. She gave all she had to God. Encourage your child to talk about how they could give to the church. Tell them about the "Joyful Giving" spinning vortex in the Kids Min hallway that they can use to give to the church.

*For older kids, make this activity a game. Get out 2 muffin pans and see who can sort the coins the fastest. Or time each other using the one muffin pan to see who wins.

*Color a Picture

Printable: "Jesus Taught About Giving" Coloring Page, Crayons or washable markers

Encourage your child to color the picture.

Ask them to name things they see in the picture and recall the Bible story.

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow":

The woman gave all she had.

The woman gave all she had.

The woman gave all she had.

She gave her coins to God.

*“Be a Giver” Game

What you need: “Be a Giver Drawing Cards” pencils/markers, bowls, game markers (dried beans, coins, flat game chips, etc.)

What you do: Scramble the Drawing Cards and stack them face down, put the game chips in a few bowls for kids to grab from.

Set out the game markers.

Invite kids to read a few examples of ways to give from the “Be a Giver Game.” Direct kids to write their own ideas in the blank spaces.

Instruct the kids to write in the circles of each column the numbers 1–5. Kids should mix up their numbers so they don’t match friends’ papers.

Lead kids to place a game marker in the Free space.

To begin play, flip over the first “Be a Giver Drawing Card” and read the letter and number.

Guide each person to find that number under the given letter and place a game marker in the space.

Choose someone to read the way to give in her space. (Kids’ answers will not be the same for each person.)

Flip another card and repeat the process.

When someone marks five spaces in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, she should shout: “I’m a giver!”

Continue until several kids win or clear the boards and play again.

PRAY

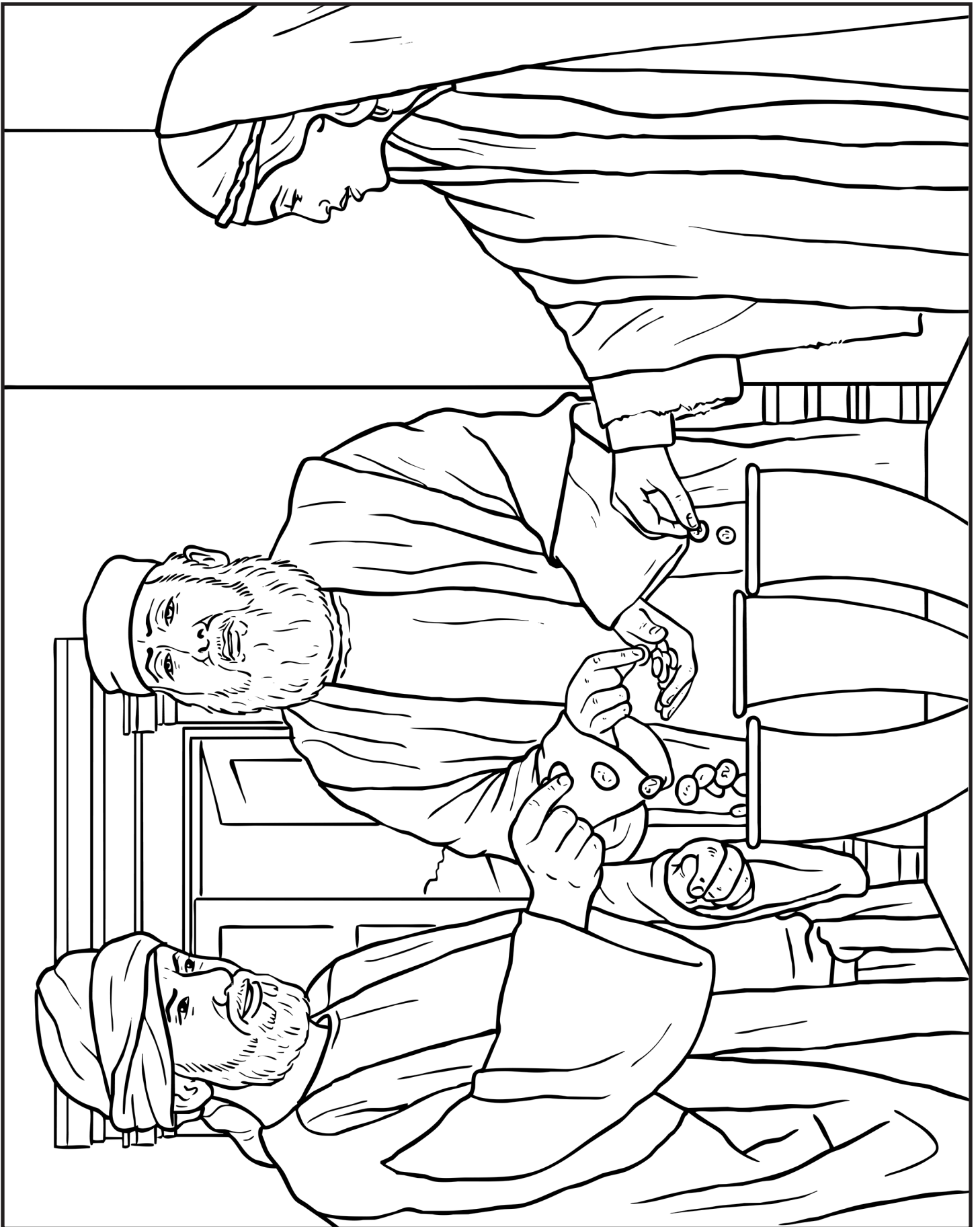
What you need: No supplies Needed

Ask for Prayer Requests

Remind kids that they worship and honor God each time they give anything whether big or small to Him. Repeat Luke 4:18 together remembering that the verse is about Jesus, the Great Teacher.

Pray and thank Jesus for teaching people about giving. Ask God to help kids give cheerfully and with thankfulness for all that Jesus has done for them.





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The woman gave all she had. *Mark 12:44*

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LUKE 4:18 (NIV)

Be a Giver Game

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Bake cookies for someone.		Share your birthday gifts with friends and siblings.	Help a sibling pick up toys.	Comfort a sad friend.
	Earn extra money to give.	Donate toys to charity.	Help bring in groceries.	Speak kindly.
Play with a small child.	Give money to missions.	FREE	Find an extra chore and do it.	Do chores without being reminded.
Read a book to a younger child.	Buy a snack for a friend.	Share a game with a friend.		Be polite.
Make a get-well card for someone.	Sell an old toy and give the money as an offering.	Forgive when a friend breaks or loses something of yours.	Help a sibling with homework.	

Other Games to Play

No one to play with you? Complete your board by writing in each blank a way that you can be a giver. Then try these games!

CUBE ROLL—Number the boxes in each column from 1–5. Find a small numbered cube and roll. Mark a box with the same number. If you roll a “six,” just roll again. Count how many rolls it takes to get five markers in a row. Can you beat your record? Be sure and read the statements when you mark the boxes.

PENNY DROP—Place the board on the floor and try to drop a penny to land inside one of the boxes. When you make it, read the suggestion in the box. Give yourself a hand and play again.

FINGER POINT—Close your eyes and raise your hand above your head. Lower it to the board with your pointer finger extended. Read the box where it landed. Try again for a different box.

PENCIL TAP—With your eyes closed, try to make a small X in five different boxes, straight across the paper. Open your eyes, read the boxes, and congratulate yourself for how close you got.

NAME DROP—Read the sentences in the boxes. Can you think of others you can give to in this way? Write their names in the boxes and see how many you can do in the next week.

BEAN TOSS—Stand about seven feet away from the board and toss a bean, penny, or piece of candy onto the board. How many can you get on the board in ten tries? Read the boxes closest to where the pieces landed. Did any of them land exactly in a box? Give yourself a cheer and try again.

G1

G2

G3

G4

G5

I1

I2

I3

I4

I5

V1

V2

V3

V4

E1

E2

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R1

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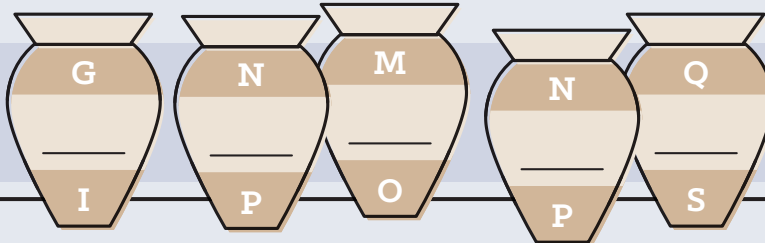
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Alphabet Stack

What attitudes should people have when they give their offerings to God?

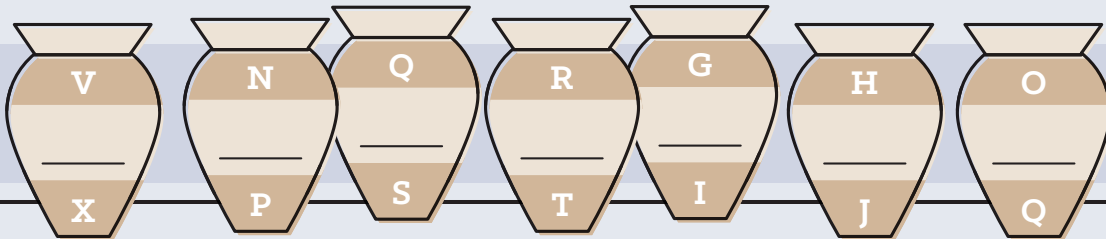
Find out by filling in the missing middle letters in each stack. (The order of the alphabet will help you.) When you put them all together, you will know the answer to the question!

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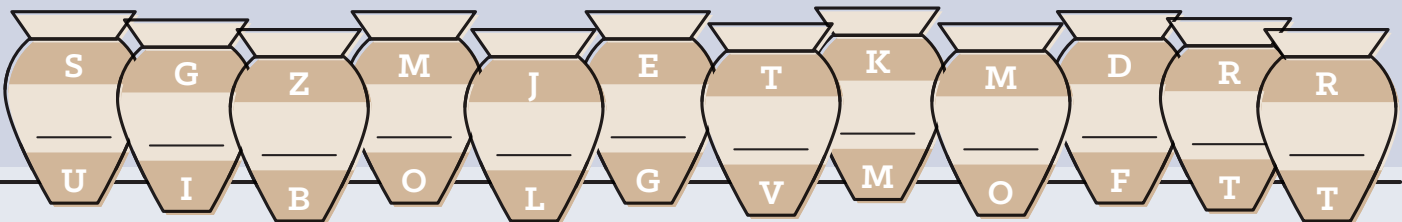
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Remembering what God has given you can help you honor God with your offerings. When you give something, be sure to silently tell God you are remembering Him.

Giving to God

Kids sometimes think they cannot give offerings to God because they do not have much. Consider each of these statements. If it is something you could give to God, circle it.

Keep back a little money from your allowance or money gifts. Give that money to God.

Open a door for an older person.

Gather clothes you have outgrown and give them to someone in need.

Give some of your outgrown toys to a younger child.

Smile at people, remembering that God loves them, too.

Donate food to a shelter or food pantry.

