

3rd, 4th & 5th Grades

March 5, 2017



Scripture:

Luke 21:1-4

THE POINT:

The Widows Mite

Memory Verse:

I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

8:50 – 9:00
10:35 – 10:45
4:50 – 5:00

**Fellowship Time in Bible
Theatre**

**Bible Story Time
Supplies Needed:**

- Bible

9:00 – 9:10
10:45- 10:55
5:00 – 5:10

Welcome and Praise Time

**Bible Story Activity
Supplies Needed:**

Pennies
Cans (various sizes)
Masking Tape

9:10 – 9:20
10:55 -11:10
5:10 – 5:20

**Bible Theatre Time with
Mr. Nick**

9:25 – 9:45
11:15 – 11:35
5:35 – 6:05

Small Group Exploration
Bible Story Review/Memory Verse
Bible Story Activity

9:45
11:35
5:45

Classroom Wrap Up
Worship Moment
Close in Prayer

Bible Story Time— The Widow's Mite

Read Luke 21:1-4

SAY: Giving a portion of our money to God is an important part of showing Him how much we love Him. While we give just a portion we are acknowledging that everything we have is His.

Today in our story Jesus is watching the people place their money into the offering container. Some had a lot of money they were able to give. Others gave when they didn't really want to. Then there was a poor widow lady who gave two coins. Jesus thought more of the poor lady's two coins than all the other money that was given that day.

ASK: Does anyone know the name of the coins the poor lady gave? Does anyone know how much a mite was worth?

SAY: A mite was worth the least amount at that time. It would be like a penny or even less today.

ASK: Why do you think Jesus was pleased more with the poor lady's small offering than He was with all the others?

SAY: The widow gave from her heart. She gave all that she could give. Jesus thought more of the small offering than he did anything else that was given. He knew the widow had given all that she could. She would need to depend on God to supply her daily needs.

ASK: Which would be harder for you to do? Give away 10 toys when you had 100 toys to start with or give the 1 and only toy you owned?

SAY: When we give all that we have, even if it's only a small amount like 1 thing, God knows how hard it was to do. He can use the small things and do something big!

Memory Verse

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Bible Story Activity - Toss in the Bucket (can)

Small Group Exploration...

ACTIVITY

Pennies
Can (Various sizes)
Masking Tape

Divide the kids into teams. Take the roll of masking tape and mark a line 10-12 feet from the wall. Then place the various cans by the wall. When instructed each team member gets 15 seconds to toss as many pennies into the cans as they can. Once a person's 15 seconds is up, their next team member gets 15 seconds to do the same and so on. Once all team members have had a chance to toss their pennies go and count how many are in each of the cans to find out a total.

SAY: Today's activity reminds us of the story we learned from the Poor Widows offering. It isn't the size or amount of our gift that God is interested in. Everything we have comes from God. He just wants to know where our heart is.

ASK: Are we loving and thinking of God and others first or are we thinking of ourselves? What are some examples of ways we could give something that seemed little or small, but God could use it for something big?

PRAYER TIME—Grab a Guide Prayer Sheet (on counters) and take a few moments and ask kids to share Joys and Concerns and to pray. Be sure to take the prayer sheet home to pray for the kids in your small group this week.

** Please let me know via e-mail of any serious concerns such as a death or serious illness in family, etc. You can either e-mail me or leave the prayer sheet in the yellow folder in teacher crate.

Worship Moment



Once you are done with your Bible Story Activity take out your **WORSHIP Bin** and set up the supplies and light the candle (battery powered) on the tray table provided (or on a table). Turn off the lights and say "It is now time to for us to focus on God. I want you all to be quiet and take this time to talk to God silently about ANYTHING you would like." **Give the kids at least one minute of silence— try to add on time as your year progresses. The idea here is to allow for some QUIET time with God each and every week. We want this to become a routine part of the lesson. Please also encourage the kids to take some time at home to have quiet time with God.**

Prayer Time

Grab a Guide Prayer Sheet (on counters) and take a few moments and ask kids to share Joys and Concerns and to pray. Be sure to take the prayer sheets home to pray for the kids in your small group this week.

PRAYER – *Dear God, Thank-you for my church, my friends and my Sunday school class. Please help me remember to be light to everyone. Especially the kids I go to school with. In Jesus' name, Amen*

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