

City LG - January 27-28, 2018

Bible Story: Pennies from Heaven (The Widow's Offering) • *Mark 12:41-44*

Bottom Line: Practice living for God.

Memory Verse: "Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." *1 Timothy 4:8, NIV*

WORSHIP: Alive and Every Move I Make

Worship Leader: "Hello City! I'm (your name) and I'm so excited to worship Jesus with you today! We have 2 really fun songs to sing today. The first song is called 'Alive', and it's all about Jesus living in us. Let's sing this together!"

"Our next song is called, 'Every Move I Make'. It's a song about how we do everything with Jesus. Let's sing!"

Large Group Welcome:

"Hello, hello! How is everybody doing today? We're ending our month of what God says about commitment with a story that I think can totally flip your mind upside down and turn it around. That's my way of saying that we're about to hear about something that really happened that's totally cool.

"Like we've been saying all month, commitment definitely takes work. It takes practice. And sometimes commitment takes something else. It takes GIVING.

"We find today's story in the book of Mark. Mark was one of Jesus' first followers. He hung out with Peter and the rest of Jesus' disciples. They must have told him all sorts of stories about what Jesus said and did during His time on earth. Mark decided to write down these stories so people just like us could read them all these years later. How cool is that?

"In Mark 12, we discover that Jesus and His friends were hanging out at the temple. A temple in the Bible is like a church is to us today. Jesus was sitting close to the spot in the temple where people came to bring their money for offerings.

"Back then, people would give money at the temple to help support the priests and keep up with any needs they might have—kind of like how people give money to this church. The money helps support the church staff and meet different needs, like [your environment's name], and all the ways we help people in our community and in the world. An important part of worshipping God is giving money to the church or, the case of our Bible story for today, the temple. Let's take a look!"

CG: Week 4 Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:01)

"That must have been such a hard decision for the widow. Does she give money to the temple, or does she save the money for herself? She decided in her heart to give, knowing that she could trust God no matter what. God would take care of her needs!"

“The same can be true for us. When we give what we have—our time, our attention, our obedience, or even our money—when we give our all to God, we show Him the kind of commitment that widow had in our story and show Him that we trust Him no matter what.

“The widow lived for God, and we can, too. We can practice living for God.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“That’s our Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] Practice living for God.** Say that with me.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Practice living for God.”

“When we practice living for God, we give all we have. We commit. We make a plan to live for Him, and we stick to it. Let’s pray.”

Pray: “God, thank You for giving us Your Word to learn how we can practice living for You. Thank You that You’re always with us. Thank You that we can trust You with our time, our hearts, and our money. Help us worship with our lives and live for You! We love You. We pray this in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“No matter who you are, you can worship God with your life as you give your all to God. You can practice living for Him. You can show Him incredible commitment. In Small Group today, you’ll talk more about how you can **[Bottom Line] practice living for God.** Have fun together, and we’ll see you next time!”

Dismiss children to their small groups.