

ALLEY SG – May 25-26, 2024

Today's Bible Story: All I Have to Give (The Widow's Offering) • Mark 12:41-44

Today's Key Question: How can you live for God?

Today's Bottom Line: Practice living for God.

Monthly 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 (NIRV)

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Dice (2 per group)

What You Do:

- Have the kids take turns rolling both dice. (If you are in a big group, call a kid up to roll each round)
- Encourage them to answer the review question that corresponds with the number they rolled.
- If someone rolls a number already called, move onto someone else until all questions are answered.

Review Questions:

2. Why did the religious leaders want to get rid of Jesus? *(because He was challenging the way they had always done things, and He was a threat to their power)*
 3. What warnings did Jesus give about teachers of the law? *(They like to be greeted with respect. They love to have the most important seats and places of honor. They take over the houses of widows. They say long prayers to show off.)*
 4. What did the widow give for her offering? *(two small copper coins)*
 5. Why was the widow's offering worth more? *(Even though the rich men gave more money, it wasn't a sacrifice for them. The widow gave everything she had. She was honoring God.)*
 6. What book of the Bible was our story from today? *(Mark)*
 7. What is one way you can live for God? *(Answers will vary.)*
 8. What one word have we been talking about this month? *(commitment)*
 9. What is the definition of commitment? *(making a plan and putting it into practice)*
 10. What is this month's 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, NIRV)*
 11. Share one commitment you have, and why it requires hard work. *(Answers will vary.)*
 12. Share one way that you can practice living for God. *(Answers will vary.)*
- Ask:
 - Was today's Bible story only about money? Why or why not?
 - Why was the widow able to give everything she had?
 - When it comes to living for God, where can you start?
 - Encourage kids by telling them that if we focus our hearts on living for God, we will discover that it's easier to be generous with everything we have, whether it's money, time, resources, talents, etc.

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: Dry erase board, dry erase marker, dry eraser

What You Do:

- Ask kids to sit where they can see the white board and choose a kid to be the first artist.
- Explain that you will whisper something in the artist's ear (from the list below) so that no one else in the group hears.
- Direct the artist to use the dry erase marker to illustrate what you whispered on the dry erase board.
- Lead the rest of the group to guess what the artist is drawing.

- Once the correct answer is guessed, allow the artist a chance to explain to the group how they can use whatever they drew to live for God.
- Whoever guesses correctly will get to be the next artist.
- Continue playing until everyone has had a chance to draw or as time allows.
- Drawing prompts:
 - Time
 - Money
 - Food
 - Music
 - Sports
 - School work
 - Art
 - Smile
 - Positive attitude
 - Writing
- When finished drawing, encourage kids by telling them they can live for God in so many ways!
- Remind kids what we have talked about practicing all month as ways to grow in their faith. See if kids can list:
 - Practice hearing from God.
 - Practice praying to God.
 - Practice talking about God.
 - Practice living for God.
- Explain that they are all connected. If they practice hearing from God, praying to God, and talking about God, then they will truly be living for God!

3. Discussion Questions

- How can you live for God?
- Does living for God cost you anything?
- When you live for God, how can it affect others?
- How did Jesus set an example for how we can live for God?
- When we do something for others, how is it like doing something for God?

4. Faith Skills Review

What You Need: “Faith Skills” Activity Page (one per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Give each kid a copy of the “Faith Skills” Activity Page and a pen or pencil.
- Briefly review each faith skill you’ve talked about practicing this month:
 - Practice hearing from God.
 - Practice praying to God.
 - Practice talking about God.
 - Practice living for God.
- Have kids write a couple of ways they will practice each of these things.
- Encourage them to take their paper home to use as a reminder to practice their faith skills.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...

“Dear God, thank You for the encouraging story about the woman who gave You everything. Please show us how we can use our money, time, attitudes, and talents for You. We want to show You we love You by the way we live. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

- If there is still time, pass out the Parent Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share one way they are going to practice living for God this week.