

CITY SG – May 25-26, 2025

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

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. Giving Toss

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible (marked at Mark 12:41-44), beanbags, 4 pieces of cardstock with one of these written on each one: Money, Time, Attitude, Talents - 1 set per group

What You Do:

- Open the Bible to Mark 12:41-44.
- Read Mark 12:41-44 to your group to review the Bible Story.
- Ask: "What are some other ways you can live for God, other than giving money?"
- Set out the four papers on one side of your small group area.
- Direct kids to gather a few feet away from the papers.
- Give one kid a beanbag.
- Instruct the kids to take turns tossing their beanbag into one of the papers.
- As each kid tosses their beanbag, encourage them to share an example of how they can give some of their money, time, attitude, or talents to show God's love to others (depending on which paper their beanbag lands near).
 - Prompt with examples listed below, if needed.
- As one kid gives an example, encourage the other kids to listen.
- Examples:
 - **Money:** give an offering at church, pay for someone's lunch at school, buy a birthday present for your brother, save up money for a gift to get your adult
 - **Time:** help a neighbor weed their flowerbed, help a classmate with their homework, help your grandma cook dinner
 - **Attitude:** stay positive even if you didn't get your way, be forgiving if someone admits a mistake, take a deep breath and stay calm if you feel angry
 - **Talents:** consider playing an instrument to cheer someone up, be a good teammate when you're playing sports, give your very best in all of your extracurricular activities
- Say, "We can give our very best to God—sometimes that might include money, but it can also be our time, attitude, and talents. What matters most is our heart behind it. In all of these ways, we can **practice living for God.**"

2. Cheerful Givers

Application Activity

What You Need: Envelopes, (one per kid) index cards (a few per kid), markers or pens, and stickers

What You Do:

- Give each kid an envelope, index card, and marker or pen.
- Instruct the kids to write down or draw on an index card one example of something they could give to God this week.

- Recall the ways that we can give to God that were talked about in the previous activity: our money, time, attitude, or talents
 - Invite kids to fill out more than one index card if they have additional ideas and if time allows.
- Once kids have finished writing or drawing, encourage any volunteers who would like to share with the group.
- Direct kids to place their index cards inside their envelopes.
- Set out the markers and stickers.
- Give kids time to decorate their envelopes.
- As the kids are working, ask: “Where are some places you could put this envelope that could help remind you to love others by living for God?”

3. Act It Out

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *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)*
- Instruct the kids to come up with hand motions and other movements to go along with the verse.
- Kids can work in pairs or groups, or you can keep everyone together to share ideas.
- Give the kids a few moments to create motions.
- Recite the verse with the motions a few times together—allow the kids to lead when appropriate.

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 God time cards 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 their Giving Envelopes to let adults know how they plan to live for God this week by loving others.