

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children

Life of Christ

The woman's last coin

Luke 21:1-4

Younger Verse

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Older Verse

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Welcome Time

Ask the children how it feels to give a special gift to someone—for a birthday or for a special surprise. Share that today's lesson is about giving and sharing and the attitude we should have.

Bible Story

Before Bible study: place 2 pennies on the floor. Watch to see if any child picks up the pennies. (Most will leave them there and not want them.) Later you can address this when you explain the Bible story.

Also bring some pennies and dollars with you or use play money.

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Clink, Clink, Clink, went the money into the money box at the temple church. The box was there for people to give back to God part of the money that they had earned. It is something that God wants His people to do. The important thing is that God wants His friends to give happily, not because they have to.

Jesus and His friends were sitting close to the church and could see the people depositing their coins into the box.

Suddenly some very rich men strolled by the box. They put lots of money in the box and it made such a sound that everyone could see and hear that they gave a lot of money.

Then, quietly, a little old woman came to the box. She put two small coins in the box. People tell us that these coins were probably worth less than 1 of our pennies.

Just looking at the 2 people, who do you think gave the most money? (Most will say the rich men.)

Show the children the money you brought (real or play money). Have a large pile of money for the rich people and have 2 pennies for the old woman.

Ask the children how much the rich men gave. (Lots) Put some play money

Lesson Goals

Treat everyone special—don't judge someone by what they are wearing or what they look like
Know that Jesus loves you like you are—you don't have to be something else
Attitudes are important—we should have an attitude like the woman—willing to give to God



in a box or in another pile. (Be sure to leave some money) Ask the children if the rich men had money left. (obviously they did)

Now ask the children how much the woman gave. (2 coins) Place the 2 coins in the box. Ask the children how much money she had left. (none)

Explain that the woman really gave more money because she gave ALL she had.

Share with the kids the kind of attitude we should have—one that does not show off or brag about the things that we did. Ask the kids how we should act—care for others and do what God wants. The woman has a giving attitude. She wanted to share and give her best to God.

Notice the 2 coins on the floor. Tell the kids that you put them there to see if anyone would pick them up. Help them understand the importance of caring for all people.

Jesus cares about us and loves us. He cared so much that He did something that no one else in the whole world would do. He died for us. Jesus took all our sins and died on a cross for them. Why? He did this because He loves all of us. What do we do? We must believe in Him and ask Him to come into our life. It is like what the woman did. She gave all she had to God. When Jesus comes into our life, we're telling Him that we are giving all we have to God. We let Him be the boss of our life, and not ourselves. Would you like to do this? We can talk about it.

Learning Activities

Talk about how to apply the lesson to their lives today.

Memory Verse Activities

Share how important the verse is. God will give us all the things we need. We need to remember that what we have are God's resources and He wants us to use them to help others.

Prayer Time

Pray that everyone has learned an important lesson today and will live it out this week. Pray for needs and share answers!

Snack Time/CleanUp

Time to clean up. Look through your supplies to throw away dried out markers, etc. Let the children help you. Look at your place—is it clean? Make sure it passes the white glove treatment.

Planning for Nov. 28th
The Promise of Jesus
Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; chapter 53

Preschool Lesson
For
The Woman's Last Coin

(Teachers: the children will probably not understand the difference in the amount of giving in the story—even if they see it physically. Try to help them see the attitude that the people had—one was showing off and one was trying to do something for God.)

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Jesus asked His friends about the two people. Jesus helped His friends to see that the old woman had the right attitude. She was happy to give and did not show off. She was giving something special to God and she did not worry about what other people did or said. She was doing what God wanted.

Share with the kids the kind of attitude we should have—one that does not show off or brag about the things that we did or have. Ask the kids how we should act—do what God wants and be happy to give to others.

Did you know that Jesus cares about us and loves us? He cared so much that He did something that no one else in the whole world would do. He died for us. Jesus took all our sins and died on a cross for them. Why? He did this because He loves all of us. What do we do? We must believe in Him and ask Him to come into our life. It is like what the woman did. She gave all she had to God. When Jesus comes into our life, we're telling Him that we are giving all we have to God. Would you like to know more about this? We can talk about it.



Hands-On Activities
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For preschoolers, sort coins. Let them separate coins and put them in bowls or zipper bags. If you believe that small children will put the money in their mouths, tape or glue the coins to construction paper or cardstock.

Make coin rubbings. Place paper over coins and rub with crayons.

Have a coin toss to see who can toss the coin into a bowl. Share how the woman gave all she had to the church.

Glue 2 pennies on an index card and let the kids write the verse on it. Ask them to take the card home and help them remember to have the same attitude as the woman.

Make some jingling musical instruments using pennies and paper cups. Put several coins in a cup and tape another cup on top. Now sing some songs to God and use your new band!

Act out the story. Bring sheets (to use as the woman's head covering). Don't forget the coins!