



## Week 2- Jesus Helps Me Give with Joy

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

**Main Idea:** Jesus Helps me give with joy.

**Summary:** We don't need a lot to make God happy. When we give with a happy heart, Jesus smiles! This week, we learn that Jesus helps us be generous and share what we have.

Free Play (10-15 min)

**ONE80 VOLUNTEERS:** *Set up an inviting space for the children for their arrival. Gentle music playing, and interesting toys/stations set up for free play.*

Class Lesson and Bible Story: (In Circle) (10 min)

Pack away the toys and gather children on the mats.

**Bible Story:** The Widow's Offering: Mark 12:41-44

**ONE80 Volunteer:** One day Jesus was in the temple, watching people give their offerings. Do you know what an offering is?  
(Pause for responses.)

An offering is when people give money to God to help the temple and the people in need.

(Hold up the picture of rich people giving money.)



Some rich people were putting in big bags of money! They had so much to give and were very proud. They wanted everyone to see and say good things about them.

But then, Jesus saw someone else.

(Hold up the picture of the widow.)



She was a poor widow. That means she didn't have a family to help her, and she didn't have much money. She was getting older and didn't know who would take care of her. This widow reached into her pocket and took out two tiny coins.

She walked up to the offering box and dropped them in—clink, clink!

(Pretend to drop coins in a box.)

Jesus smiled and told the disciples, "Did you see that woman? She gave more than all the others!" But the disciples were confused.

(Hold up the picture of Jesus teaching His disciples.)



Jesus nodded and explained, "The rich people gave a lot, but they still have plenty left. The widow gave everything she had because she loves God. She gave with a happy heart."

That's what makes God happy! It's not about how much we give—it's about how much we love God in our hearts. The widow's gift was small, but it was very big in God's eyes because she gave with love.

Lets all take turns putting our coins in the box.

(Give each child a coin provided to place in the box, pass the box around and encourage them to give their only coin just like the widow)

### **PRAYER TIME:**

[Take your one little hand, wave it in the air, tap, tap, tap and nod, nod, nod. Take your other little hand, wave it in the air. Tap, tap, tap and, nod, nod, nod. Put them

behind your back. Lay them in your lap. Tickle your tummy. And fold your hands like this.']

Let's talk to God together. Repeat after me:

Dear God,

Thank You for loving us.

Help us to give with happy hearts.

No matter how big or small,

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Worship Time (songs 'liked' on YouTube) (10 min)

(Songs can be done without Youtube videos if volunteers are confident enough to sing- kids often respond very well to this)

### **ONE80 VOLUNTEERS:**

**Song #1:** [God loves a cheerful giver](#)

**Song #2:** [He's got the whole world in his hand.](#)

**Song #3:** [One Way](#)

## Snack Time (5 min)

Invite children to all sit down for snack time. Check for allergies and provide a suitable snack! Thank Jesus for the food.

## Story-based Activity (5 min)

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Bean Bag Toss (Cheerful Giving)

**ONE80 Volunteer:**

Today, we'll play a game that helps us practice giving with a happy heart, just like the woman in our Bible story.

**SETUP:** Place the basket a short distance away. Have the children stand in a line or a semi-circle, ready to take turns tossing the bean bags.

TEACHER: This bean bag is like a gift! When we give with a happy heart, it brings joy to others and to God.

(Show the bean bag.)

Now, let's take turns tossing our "gifts" (bean bags) into the basket! When you throw yours, say, "God loves a happy giver!"

(Cheer for each child as they toss.)

Did you see how fun it is to give? Even if your bean bag didn't go in the basket, what matters most is that we gave it with a happy heart! That's what God loves most.

## Colour sheets (10 min)

ONE80 Volunteers: Craft: Please hand out colour sheets for the children to colour.



## Pick Up Time:

Please only play these videos if everything else has been covered.

[The Widow's offering](#)