



Week 2- Give from the Heart

Main Idea: The Widow's Offering (Mark 12:41-44)

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

Key Verse: Mark 12:43, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box."

Main Idea: We look at the story of a woman who gave everything she had, even though it was a very small amount. Her big heart shows us that when times are hard, the best of who we are can come out. It's not about how much we give, but how we give that matters.

Gospel Connection: Ultimately, it's a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is the source of one's "UNBREAKABLE" character.

to meet the Ethiopian official.

Corporate Teaching Time (K -Gr 5)

ONE80 MC: Hello, wonderful students! I'm excited to be here with you for another great week of learning how to show our "UNBREAKABLE" character through our actions. This week, our lesson is called "Give from the Heart," we'll

hear about a very special woman who gave all she had, even though it was just a little.

Today, we will learn that it's not how much we give but the love and faith behind our giving that truly counts. This woman's story helps us understand that when times are hard, that's when we can show the strength of our character—strength that comes from our faith in Jesus. Let's start with a game.

This is called the banking game. In my bank I have eggs filled with money. Some have \$1 in them, some have \$10000 dollars in them, and some have \$0.

Each player chooses 7 eggs from the bank, without looking at the values inside of them. Once both players have selected their eggs, we will open them up and calculate the amount of points that person has banked.

Ad lib: Choose 2 volunteers who will choose eggs. Add up their score, and give the volunteer with the largest score the bigger prize.

Debrief: Well done volunteers. That was a tricky game because you had no idea what was inside the eggs- they all looked the same from the outside. You could not tell what was inside by looking at the egg.

OBJECT LESSON–The Value of a Gift

Supplies:

- Two gift boxes of different sizes (one small, one very large)
- A heart-shaped object or a cross to place inside the small box

- Filler material (like paper or foam) for the large box

ONE80 MC: Today, we will learn a very important lesson about giving. It's not always about how much we give, but how we give that truly matters. Let's see what I mean by that with a little demonstration.

(Show the two gift boxes, one noticeably larger than the other.)

Here, I have two gifts. By looking at them, you might think the bigger one is better, right? It's large and looks like it could hold something really exciting.

(Open the large box, showing it's filled with filler material and nothing substantial.) But look, this big box is mostly empty, just filled with paper. It doesn't have much in it at all, despite its size.

(Now open the small box to reveal the heart-shaped object or the cross.)

Now, look at this smaller box. It might be tiny, but it holds something special—a heart or a cross. This represents love and faith, much more valuable than anything else we could give.

This is like the story of the widow we're learning about today. She gave only two small coins, which might seem like a tiny gift compared to what others were giving. But she gave all she had out of love and trust in God. Her gift was small, but it was

incredibly valuable because of the heart behind it.

So, let's remember when we give—whether it's our time, help, or even sharing something small with someone else—it's not the size of the gift that counts.

What truly matters is the love and faith that comes with it. That's what makes our giving truly valuable.

Worship (song liked on YouTube)

1. That's who I Praise

Bible Story: "The widow's Offering."

ONE80 MC: Great singing everyone! We can praise God in all that we do. Today, we have a very special story about a woman who might have seemed ordinary, but her actions showed extraordinary faith and generosity. This story teaches us that it's not how much we give but how we give that truly matters. In the bustling streets of Jerusalem, many people came to the temple to offer their gifts to God. Some of the people were very wealthy and gave a lot of money so that everyone could see how much they were giving

READ: Mark 12:41

As Jesus sat near the temple treasury, he watched the people giving money. He didn't just care about how much money they gave, but he also cared about their hearts. Then came a poor widow, a woman who didn't have much. She couldn't give much money because she only had two small coins.

READ: Mark 12:42

Even though her offering was small, it was huge in the eyes of Jesus. Why? Because she gave everything she had. All her living, her whole heart, was in those two coins. Think about how brave and trusting the widow was to give all she had. What does this tell us about her faith?

GOSPEL CONNECTION: This story isn't just about giving money; it's about how we give from our hearts. The widow's trust in God shows us something very important about faith.

READ: Ephesians 2:8-9

Remember, it's by grace through faith that we are saved, not because of anything we do ourselves. Like the widow, our relationship with Jesus and our faith in Him makes our actions meaningful. We can't earn God's love with our actions; instead, we show our love for Him by trusting Him completely with our lives.

So, what we learn from this amazing woman is powerful: when we give, let's give like she did—not from what we have a lot of, but from the heart, with full trust in Jesus. This week, let's think about what we can give, not in terms of money or things, but in terms of our attention, time, and care for others.

Remember, no matter how small it might seem, if given with love and faith, it's huge in God's eyes. And just like the widow, when we trust in Jesus, our lives and gifts can tell a powerful story.

BACK TO CLASSROOMS

Small group Discussion, Reflection & Prayer

Split into 2 groups- preferably boys and girls. Create an atmosphere where children feel welcome and comfortable to share. Play worship music in the background. A calm worshipful atmosphere should be created. Please prepare prayerfully for this time and do not rush it. Pass a talking object around, giving each person an opportunity to share.

ONE80 Volunteer: "Hello everyone! You all did an excellent job listening to the story of the widow's offering today. It's wonderful to see how engaged you were. Now, let's talk about what we can learn from her example of giving with all her heart.

K-Grade 1 QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think the widow gave all the money she had? What does this tell us about her trust in God?
2. Can giving something small be very important? Why do you think Jesus was so pleased with the widow's offering?
3. What are some ways we can give from the heart, not just from our wallets or piggy banks?

GRADE 2-5 QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think the widow gave all the money she had? What does this tell us about her trust in God?
2. Can giving something small be very important? Why do you think Jesus was so pleased with the widow's offering?
3. What are some ways we can give from the heart, not just from our wallets or piggy banks? Think about time, kindness, or help—how can you give those this week?
4. How does the wrong heart or attitude tarnish our gifts? Can you think of an example?

Prayer Requests:

Alright, thank you for sharing your thoughts! Now, does anyone have any prayer requests? We can pray for anything - whether it's something you're thankful for, something you're struggling with, or a prayer for someone else. We can also pray and ask God to help us to listen to Him.

*Allow time for children to share- and jot down their requests. Make sure each child's request is prayed for. As a volunteer you can lead this prayer time by asking specific children to pray for specific requests, break into pairs and pray for each other or you can pray corporately- however you feel led.

Let's pray together.

*Dear Lord, thank you for teaching us about giving from the heart through
the story of the widow.*

*Help us to be generous like she was, trusting in you with
all that we have and all that we are.*

*Please look after everyone here and
answer their prayers according to Your will.*

*Help us this week to give our time,
love, and attention to others, showing them Your love in all that we do.*

In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Craft/Activity/Game

Please watch the video tutorial in advance to Sunday (it can be found on
the original webpage)

Memory Verse Challenge

Mark 12:43, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those
who are contributing to the offering box."