

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Jesus Taught About Giving

MARK 12:41-44

Jesus sat in the temple across from where people gave their offerings. He watched how the crowd put their money into the treasury. Jesus knew some of the people were very rich. He watched the rich ones put in large amounts of money. Jesus knew they were giving what was left over after they bought everything they needed and even a lot of what they just wanted. It was not hard for the rich people to give this much money. They would not even miss it!



Jesus kept watching as a woman approached the offering place. This woman was a widow. She did not have a husband with money to take care of her. She did not have much money at all, but she dropped two small coins into the offering. They were not worth very much, but they were all she had.

Jesus called His disciples to Him. He explained to them, "This woman has put in more than all the others who are giving. These other people have only given what was extra, what they didn't need. This woman has given everything she owns. This is all she has to buy the things she needs. She has given the most!"

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Mark 12:44

LIFE POINT: Jesus taught that when we give, we worship and honor God.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story helped your child learn about giving. Jesus taught that when we give, we worship and honor God. In the story of the poor widow, Jesus knew her heart in giving was different from all the others who gave much.

LIVE IT OUT

What does your child give to God? Begin helping your child develop a spirit of cheerful giving by planning activities to allow him to participate in giving his time, talents, and money.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus taught that worship is focused on God.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Mark 12:44

Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:7

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 29:14

Wednesday: Proverbs 11:25

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 8:12

Friday: Proverbs 3:9

Saturday: Luke 6:38

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Taught About Giving* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

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Unit 1, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

We are set apart in Christ to live holy lives.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Holiness is a word people associate primarily with God or things they deem highly religious. Yet holiness—the idea of being set apart—is a life to which all Christians are called. In our culture of self-improvement, many Christians fall into the trap of thinking that being holy—sanctified—is just another do-it-yourself effort. While we play a part in our sanctification, it is a work God does in our lives as we follow Him.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Live It Out: Set an example of giving for your child. If she attends worship with you, allow her to put money in the offering plate. Let her see you prepare the family offering for church.

One day Jesus and His disciples were at the temple. Jesus was watching the people drop their money into the temple offering boxes.

He saw rich people put in a lot of money. The coins clanged loudly as they fell into the boxes.

Then a poor woman, whose husband had died, walked up to an offering box. Jesus watched her put two small coins into the box. Her coins made a soft jingle as they fell into the box.

Jesus told His disciples, “This poor woman gave two small coins. She gave more than all the other people.”

Jesus’ helpers did not understand what Jesus meant. Jesus explained that the rich people put in some of their money. The woman gave all of her money.

KIDS

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Live It Out: Begin helping your child develop a spirit of cheerful giving by planning activities to allow him to participate in giving of his time, talents, and money.

Jesus sat in the temple. He watched people drop their money into the temple treasury. Jesus saw rich people put in large amounts of money.

Then Jesus saw a poor woman. She didn’t have much. All she had were two small coins. They were worth very little. The woman dropped her two small coins into the treasury.

Jesus called the disciples to Him. “This woman,” He said, “has put more into the offering jar than all the others.”

The disciples may have been surprised to hear Jesus say that the woman gave a lot. Jesus explained, “Other people gave an offering out of their extra money. This woman is poor. She gave everything she had to God.”

STUDENTS

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

- How would you describe your life before you met Jesus?
- What are the priorities and goals of someone who is one with Christ?
- What practical ways do you flee from sin?

Live It Out: We are called to be followers of Jesus, which means we are to live as He lived. We become more and more like Him as we choose to live in obedience to God’s commands. But we don’t have what it takes to live like Christ by our own strength, so the Holy Spirit is in our lives and He empowers us to live in obedience. From an eternal perspective, it’s God at work in us that makes us like Christ. On the other hand, from an earthly perspective, we are responsible to obey God. This process, known as sanctification, occurs as we choose to live in obedience and allow God to work in us.

How are you pursuing Christ every day? Brainstorm ways you and your student can work to become more like Christ. How could you also help others grow to become more like Christ?