

The Widow's Offering

MARK 12:38-44

This week's theme is **APPEARANCES**. The scribes took pride in their appearance by wearing fancy clothes and giving lots of money while everyone watched. When you truly give from your heart, it doesn't matter how you look on the outside.

Coin Facts
Search online for information about the coin called the "widow's mite." Print or draw a picture of it. Write some facts you learn about this coin on the back of your picture.

Anonymous Giving
Do you have a neighbor or teacher who might enjoy a surprise gift? Buy a gift card for a good morning beverage. Place it where they'll find it, but not know it is from you.

Reaching Out
Find out how your church uses the weekly offering to help others in your community. Take a family field trip to an organization in your community that is supported by your church. Learn how it helps those in need.

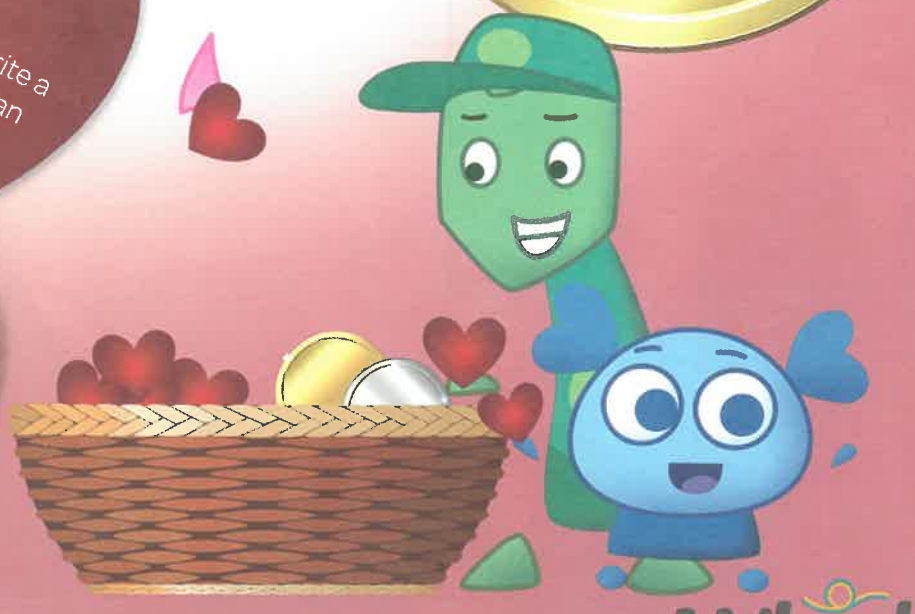
Now You See It
Dip a paintbrush in lemon juice and write a secret message on white paper. With an adult's help, hold the completely dried paper close to a heat source (lightbulb or iron). Watch your message appear as the heat turns the lemon juice words brown.

What Do You Hear?
Label two columns on a sheet of paper "Jingle, Jangle, CRASH" and "Clink, Clink." Write each sound you hear during the day in one of the columns. How many sounds are loud like the rich man's bag of money? Quiet as the widow's two coins?



Secret Service
Write the name of each family member on a slip of paper. Mix them up and have each person choose one that is not their own. How many kind and helpful things can you do for that person without being discovered?

Give. Save. Spend.
Find three jars. Label them Give, Save, and Spend. Whenever you receive money as a gift, allowance, or payment, put some of it in each jar. We can share what we have received.



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Grades 1-2

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Simple Gifts

