



Generous – Lesson 3

2s and 3s

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

Key Point: Everything belongs to God!

Bible Verse: Mark 12:41–44

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Coloring Sheet

Big Group Time

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.

- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.

Activity

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Mark 12:41-44 in the Bible (1). **Jesus is at the temple in Jerusalem** (2). The temple was a place where people would meet to worship God, just like this church building. In the temple, **Jesus sits down across from some special boxes that people put money in as an offering** (3). The people are freely giving their money to honor God for all he has given them. Jesus watches as person after person puts money into the boxes. **Many rich people come to the boxes. They put lots of money in** (4) the boxes.

Then a poor woman comes to the boxes (5). **The woman's husband has died, and she does not have much money** (6). **Jesus watches her as she drops two small coins**, worth only part of a penny, **into the boxes** (7). **Jesus** calls his disciples over to him and **says**, "I tell you the truth, **this poor widow has given more than all the others** who are making contributions. For **they**

gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had (8) to live on."

You see, the poor woman does not have very much at all, but she gives God all that she has.

This woman believes that there is nothing better than giving all that she has to God (9). She trusts that everything she has, God has given to her—even her two little coins. God is generous. Whether we have a little or a lot, God gives us everything we need.

Remember, God gives us everything we have, even life itself. He is Creator and Rescuer and he loves us so much. He wants to have a relationship with us forever.

Key Point: Everything belongs to God!

Review Questions

- 1. Who is generous to us and gives us everything we have? (God!)**
- 2. What did the rich people put into the box? (Large amounts of money.)**
- 3. What did the widow put inside the box? (Only two coins.)**
- 4. Whose offering was greater? (The widow's.) Why? (Because she gave all she had.)**
- 5. What are some things you have to offer to God?**

ACTIVITIES:

Offering Box

Supplies

- Small box with slit in top (one per child)
- Coin stickers (two to three per child)
- Coin cutouts on cardstock (two per child)

Tell the children that they are going to make an offering box and have them decorate their boxes with coin stickers. While they are working, ask them to think of two things they treasure:

things they do not like to share with others. Something they say is "mine." Then hand them each two cardstock cutout coins. Have them draw a picture of their "treasures" or help them write it on the back of their two coins. Then have the children place their offering coins in their box, like the woman in the story did. Explain that God gives us everything that we have and he wants us to give freely and not just keep it for ourselves. The treasures that they have (whether it is love for their parents, their food, or their toys) should never be more important to them than God. Because God gives us all we have, we can freely share all that we have.

Have fun and let them do the crafts themselves, as much as possible. This is a hands-on way for them to learn who God is and remember what they learn. It doesn't matter if they place the label or stickers in the wrong spot. What matters is teaching them who God is.

Play Dough Coins

Supplies

- Play-Doh
- Large fake coins (from Bible lesson)

Help children make flat circles with Play-Doh. Help them press the coins into the Play-Doh. Ask the children if they like having money to buy things they want. Ask them if they have toys they like to share and if they have any they do not like to share. Ask them if they think it would be easy to give them all away.