

Kids Ministry - Liturgical Resources

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 7, 2021

First Reading: 1Kings 17.10-16

Psalm: #146

Second Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

Gospel: Mark 12.38-44

Commentary:

Jesus warns us about thinking ourselves better than others, as the scribes were known to do. It is so easy to consider oneself better, smarter or superior to others for all the wrong reasons. God wants us to thank him for all that he does for us, to tell others about him. Jesus is not impressed with flashy shows of the rich almsgivers. He looks to the heart, to our hearts. Jesus wants us to be open to all he wants to give us, to have confidence in him, and to be generous in following and serving him. We do this by treating everyone we spend time with with respect. It doesn't matter how much money you have or how talented you are. The main point is that you share what you have when others are in need.

Discussion starters:

1. What was Jesus doing in the temple?
2. What were the rich people doing?
3. What did the poor widow give?
4. Do you think Jesus was pleased with the widow's offering? Why?
5. What are some ways to show God your gratitude?
6. What are some way to show we respect the people we meet?
7. Talk about ways to give to others without using money. Examples include visiting someone who is sick, helping a younger sibling or using a talent such as playing a musical instrument to bring joy to others.
8. Who do you know who is in need and/or vulnerable? How can we care for them now or this Christmas?

Colouring Page and Craft: Pages 2-4 below

THE WIDOW'S OFFERING

Mark 12:41-44



The widow gave her last two coins

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: OFFERING BOXES

Students will make an “offering box” to remind them that the widow gave all she had which was much more, in the Lord’s eyes, than the rich people gave.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 Lb. Cardstock
2. Offering Box Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Tape or Glue
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “offering box” pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color/decorate their offering box.
3. Instruct them to cut out the box pattern on the solid black lines, and fold on the dotted lines.
4. Use tape or glue to affix the tabs to the sides of the box.
5. Help students cut a slit in the top to slide coins through.

FOR DISCUSSION

While the students are making their “offering boxes”, discuss what kinds of offerings are appropriate to God. Some examples include: praise, respect, honor, worship, prayer, money, etc. Encourage students to use their “offering boxes” to save money to give back to the Lord, as did the widow.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“...God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

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