

Ordinary Time, Proper 27



The Children's Illustrated Bible

Giving Your All

Tell the story from Mark 12:41-44 about the widow's offering. Then give one bag of small gifts (stickers or other treats) each to two kids. Ask them to give one gift each from their bag to the kids in the classroom. Afterward, kids may count how many gifts are left in their bags. (One bag should have a large number of gifts, the other only enough for the class.) Discuss: Which kid gave the most gifts? (Both gave the same number.) Who had the most to give? How many gifts does ____ (kid with no gifts left) have leftover?

This is the example Jesus gave the disciples. The poor widow gave everything she had so there was nothing left. But many of the rich people kept plenty back for themselves. Jesus said that the poor widow gave more than all the wealthy people put together.

Jesus was not talking about being wealthy or being poor. He was comparing those who gave a little to those who gave a lot. In this classroom, we may not be rich, but we also may not give a generous amount to Jesus. We may give only very little.

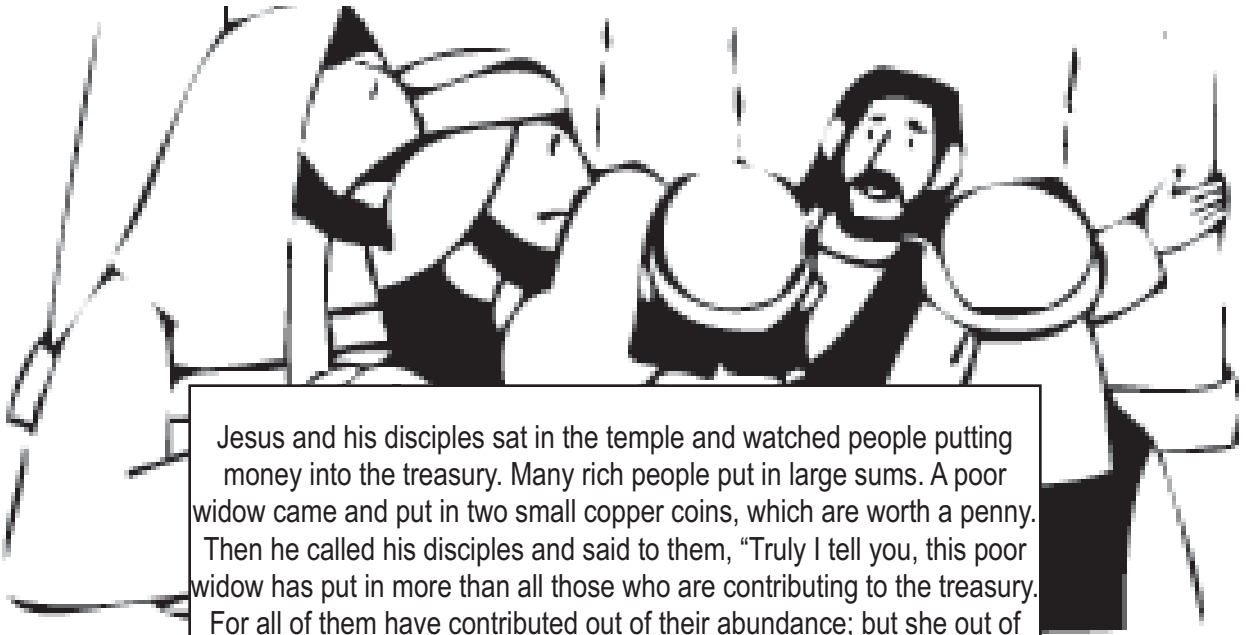
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**What do you have to give to Jesus?
Make a list below.**