

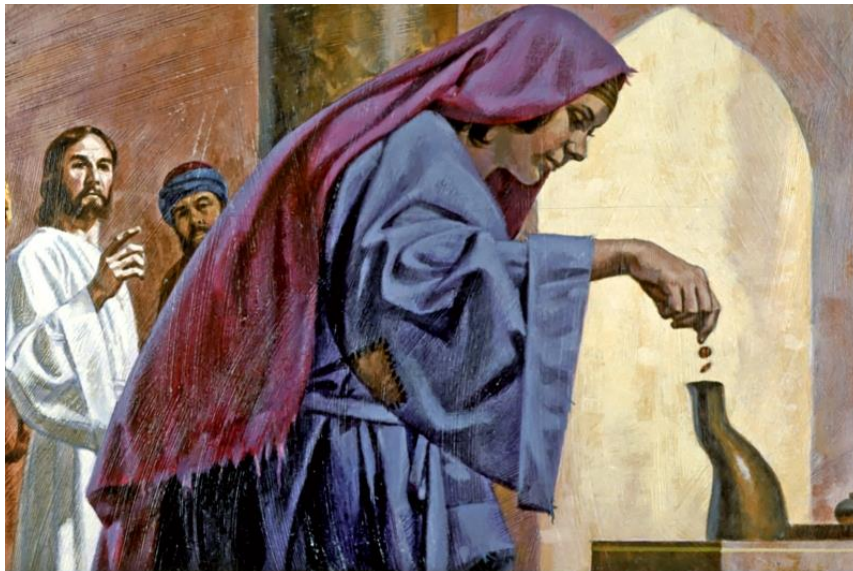
CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #32

"THIS WIDOW HAS PUT IN MORE THAN ALL"

(32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time)



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INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of each one gathered here in your presence today. May we be ready to always give our all to you in our lived daily Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read **Mark 12: 38-44**. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

Time of reflection and response:

Scribes played an important role in Jewish society as lawyers and theologians. Jesus does not condemn all scribes but only those who show off, seek social privileges, cheat the poor and vulnerable (including widows) and behave in a hypocritical manner in their religious observance.

- Why do you think some people measure their self-worth by their external success or appearance?
- Was there a time or moment when you felt the need to show off or give the impression that you are better or more knowledgeable than others? If yes, share the experience.

Jesus says that the behaviour of the scribes is in contrast with the of the poor widow. Out of sincere faith and remarkable generosity she contributes all she owns (two small coins) to the upkeep of the Temple.

- What lesson can you learn from the widow? Give a practical example of how you may apply the lesson in your life.
- Do you personally know of anyone who is willing to give of his or her time, talents and money generously in order to help others? If yes, share about this person.

What the widow gave might seem insignificant to many from the viewpoint of amount of money that she put into the collection box. She is praised by Jesus for her total generosity in giving all she had, not just what was over and above.

Today, Jesus reminds us once again how we are to treat each other. We are all sons and daughters of the Father, and so we must be aware of the dignity each of us carry within. Through baptism we have been brought into the family of God and so we are all connected through grace. No one is greater than another, no one is more important than another. We are all equal in the sight of our Father in Heaven. We are also called by God to share generously our time, talents and money for the glory of God and for the good of others.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the first reading and the Gospel passage. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the words

The Widow's Mite

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Mark 12:42

Based on Mark 12:38-44



G F O E A E L L L A M S B L D
E K N R E V D T X A N O S Y T
W G L R L E Q R C I R Y N G E
G A O K H R O G O G C G N E K
J M O P T Y P C Y W T I E O Y
W I D O W T E I Z A R P V W U
K D J F H H N U L E E L I A H
D H I T P I N I F R A A S M C
Q C U S M N Y F K E S C I O W
A R O J C G O I E J U E D U E
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Z A R X P S P C D N Y S F T L
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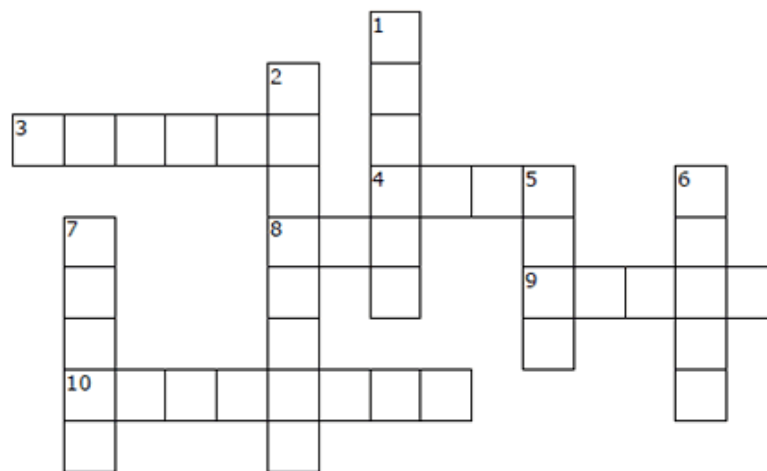
PENNY	PLACE	TRUTH	DISCIPLES	TEMPLE
JESUS	TREASURY	MONEY	POVERTY	AMOUNT
MORE	WIDOW	COINS	RICH	OFFERING
LARGE	WEALTH	EVERYTHING	COPPER	POOR

Activity #2: Solve the puzzle

The Widow's Mite

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Based on Mark 12:38-44



ACROSS

3. A reddish-brown metal which is sometimes used in making coins
4. Having little or no wealth
8. The entire amount; everything
9. A small piece of flat, circular metal, used for money
10. A contribution or gift made at a religious service

DOWN

1. A building used for worship
2. A place where funds are received, kept, and dispursed
5. Having great material wealth
6. The official currency issued by a government
7. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried

POOR	COINS	TREASURY	COPPER	TEMPLE
ALL	WIDOW	OFFERING	MONEY	RICH

Activity #3: Complete the sentences

The Widow's Mite

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page. You can check your answers in Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)



_____ sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their _____ into the temple treasury. Many _____ people threw in _____ amounts. But a poor _____ came and put in two very small copper _____, worth only a fraction of a _____.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the _____ than all the others. They all gave out of their _____; but she, out of her _____, put in everything -- all she had to live on."

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

treasury	rich	widow	large	penny
money	coins	poverty	wealth	Jesus

Activity #4: Break the code

The Widow's Mite

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
X	I	U	F	Y	R	N	J	K	S	M	C	L	Q	T	G	E	Z	H	B	P	D	W	O	V	A

- 11-24-7-17-5 _____
- 24-4-4-17-6-2-7-16-10 _____
- 12-24-2-7-10 _____
- 21-17-7-7-5 _____
- 15-17-11-21-13-17 _____
- 23-17-26-13-15-19 _____
- 6-2-12-19 _____
- 21-24-24-6 _____
- 21-24-25-17-6-15-5 _____
- 12-24-21-21-17-6 _____

PENNY	OFFERINGS	RICH	POOR	POVERTY
COPPER	WEALTH	MONEY	COINS	TEMPLE

Activity #5: Find the words

The Widow's Offering

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others." Mark 12:43 (NIV)

Words are taken from Mark 12:41-44 (NIV).



Z B C O I N S D P O P M T U E
V A X B P S G L U O G O O Q I
O H W E A L T H O N V M O R T
O F F E R I N G I F W E V R E
U S Y V N S T H G C C I R U I
M O N E Y P T X A A O O D T A
T A R O M Y T M L M H P Q O Y
E U U Y R O R P F C O B P O W
M R P E E L E P I L P U E E Y
P P V B H A A R J Y J O N P R
L E E R M R S U E T L T P T G
E Q S N F G U G S M R V F N G
G X R E N E R K U Y L U O M N
R D G A W Y Y S S H S V T F C
S R N X D I S C I P L E S H I

amount	everything	more	poor	treasury
coins	Jesus	offering	poverty	truth
copper	large	penny	rich	wealth
disciples	money	place	temple	widow

Activity #6: Complete the sentences

The Widow's Offering

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_____ sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their _____ into the temple treasury. Many _____ people threw in large amounts. But a _____ widow came and put in two very small copper _____, worth only a fraction of a _____.

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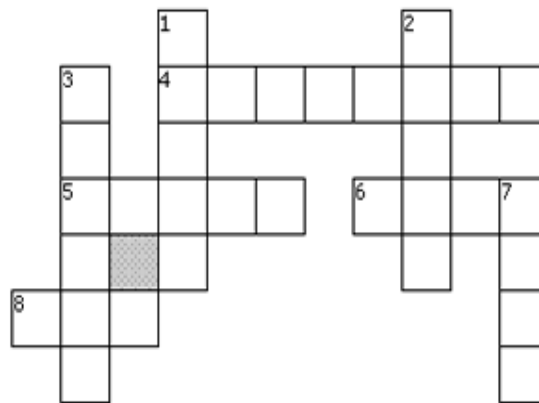
Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

coins	Jesus	penny	rich	wealth
everything	money	poor	treasury	widow

Activity #7: Solve the puzzle

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offering	rich	poor	all
temple	money	widow	coins

Activity #8: Find the words


S	S	S	E	B	I	R	C	S	E	BEWARE
R	E	Q	W	T	E	K	R	A	M	SCRIBES
E	B	U	Q	O	U	E	B	Q	E	SYNAGOGUES
Y	O	A	G	G	D	A	U	S	R	MARKET
A	R	R	E	O	N	I	E	P	A	BANQUETS
R	S	E	O	Q	G	O	W	E	W	LONG
P	E	S	U	O	U	A	L	N	E	SEVERE
E	A	E	N	U	P	Q	N	N	B	PRAYERS
R	T	R	E	A	S	U	R	Y	U	POOR
S	S	Q	U	E	R	E	V	E	S	TREASURY
										WIDOW
										PENNY



Activity #9: Unscramble the words

Jesus Taught About Giving Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.



IRHC

FTGI

ICONS

PEMELT

STARYURE

God loves a giver.

Activity #10: Colour the picture and tell the story to your family.

