



**Quarter 3 — Lesson 38**



## Giving Money as Worship

### Widow's Mite

**Read** Luke 21:1-4

**Explain:** In this story, Jesus is watching people give at a local synagogue. Many rich people with lots of money were happy to give. They wanted everyone to see them give so others would envy them for their riches. But then this poor woman with almost nothing puts them to shame. Where the rich people were giving a few coins – hardly a drop of what they possessed – this woman gave more than she could afford, out of love.

#### Apply:

The woman in this story leaves us with no excuse for not giving. Whether we

have lots of money or very little, God wants us to give with a cheerful heart. Giving is a way to serve God and to bless others, and by giving everything she could, the widow in the story did far more than any of the rich people of that day!

#### Why Give?

- Because God commands it
- Because we love God
- Because we want to serve

**Note:** Giving two mites would be like giving \$5 in the offering today.

### Power Point

We can  
worship with  
our giving.

### Game: Penny Jar Drop

The children will take turns kneeling on a chair facing the back of the chair. Place a jar on the floor behind the chair. Give each child at least five (5) pennies to try to drop into the jar. The children can keep the pennies they drop into the jar to put into the SS or church offering.

#### Another Game: Penny Guessing

Have a jar full of pennies (*any size jar is fine*) and see which child in the class can guess the correct number of pennies in the jar!! The child who guesses closest to the correct number could get a small prize.



### MEMORY VERSE

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."  
- Luke 6:38



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### Activity Ideas:

#### “The Temple Offering Box”

- Give each child a small piece of paper and a few coins (*play money or real coins*).
- Ask them to imagine they are the widow, and they have only a few coins to give to God.
- Have them write or draw a picture of what they would give (*e.g., a small coin, a drawing of a heart*).
- Encourage them to think about what they would be giving up if they gave everything they had, like the widow did.

#### “Spin the Penny”

Show your children how to spin a penny by holding it on its side with your pointer finger and then clicking it with the pointer finger of your other hand to make it spin. Have your children practice, and then see who can make their penny spin the longest, or see who can make the most pennies spin at the same time.

Ask your children if they can think of anything they can buy for one penny. Tell them that a penny used to be worth a lot more. Tell them that in today’s lesson they will be learning about how a small amount of money can be worth a lot more than it seems.



#### Dig Deeper (Lk. 21:1-4)

Jesus was teaching in the temple, and people were putting in a lot of money into the offering box. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, worth only a few cents. Jesus noticed her and said, “This poor widow has given more than all the others because she gave everything she had, all her life savings!”

#### Discussion Points:

- Why do you think Jesus praised the widow for giving so little?
- What did the widow give? Just two small coins, but she gave everything she had.
- Have you ever given something to help someone or something you care about? What was it?

**Conclusion:** Giving to God is not about how much we have, but about giving what we can with a willing heart. The widow gave everything she had, and Jesus praised her for it. We can all give in our own way, even if it’s just a small thing. Remember, God loves when we give with a big heart, not just a big amount.

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# Take-Home

## Year 3, Lesson 38 — Giving Money as Worship

### Summary

#### Bible Passage:

Luke 21:1-4

#### Main Point:

Giving to God is not about how much we have, but about giving what we can with a willing heart.

#### Discuss:

Q: Why did Jesus say the widow gave the most?

A: Because she gave all she had.

Q: Why do we give?”

A:

>God commands it

>We love God

>We want to serve

### Explore the Bible

**Read:** Luke 21:1-4 or tell your child the story of a poor widow who came to the temple and put in two small coins, worth only a few dollars. Jesus noticed her and said, “This poor widow has given more than all the others because she gave everything she had, all her life savings!”

Help your child to understand that giving to God is not about how much we have, but about giving what we can with a willing heart.

### Worship Journal

Provide your child with a journal with blank pages. Explain to them that your family will be writing (or drawing) in their “Worship Journal” after each lesson.

- What does this lesson teach me about worshipping God?
- How has the Holy Spirit been helping me this week?
- Are there any commands in the Bible passages we read for me to obey? How are they for God’s glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in these passages to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How have I experienced worshipping God this week?

### Apply and Pray

**Encourage** your child to think about what they can give to God, whether it’s time, talents, or treasures. Remind them that every offering, no matter how small, is precious to God.

**Pray:** “Dear God, we honor you today because you gave Your greatest treasure, Your only Son, Jesus so we could be adopted into your eternal family. Help us to be willing to give our best to You as a sign of our worship.