

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Widow's Offering

Pentecost 23



from Mark 12:38-44.

How we share is important.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Widow
- Rich man
- Coins
- Money box
- Jesus
- Sharing

Offerings like this one were received in the courtyard of the temple. There were several money boxes for different causes and you chose which one to put your money in.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 342-345

Spark Bible page 1118

Family Prayer

Give us grateful and generous hearts, O God. You give us all we need—help us to share all that we have like the poor widow. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Which are your favorite—small or large coins? Why?
- 2 Jesus wants us to share with others. Who can you share with?
- 3 What kinds of gifts can we give that don't cost any money?
- 4 Talk about how your family decides how much money to give to church and organizations outside of the church.



Eye Spark

When you see the offering being collected at church, think of this story of the widow and the rich man.



Ear Spark

Hearing coins jangling can remind you of this story that teaches us how best to share.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Set up a money box in your home. Designate a recipient for the money then spend a few weeks "sneaking" coins into it. Encourage everyone to contribute a little bit everyday and try not to get caught doing it. Count it all up and give it to the recipient you chose.

For younger kids

Choose two coins and include them in next week's offering at church. Use this as an opportunity to reinforce the names and the value of the coins. What sound do they make?

For older kids

Find out what percent of each dollar given to your favorite charities actually goes toward their actual programs versus how much is considered "overhead." Use this information in your family's future giving plans.