

FAITH TREK  
THE WIDOW'S MITE  
FEBRUARY 2 - 16  
DISCIPLES DESIGN

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:** Mark 12:41-44

**MEMORY VERSE:** Mark 12:43b, 44 "...<sup>43b</sup> *this poor widow has given more than all the others.* <sup>44</sup> *They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything she had to live on.*"

**CONCEPTS:**

Students will learn that:

- Jesus sees and appreciates sacrifices and gifts we make, however small.
- A gift is even more special when it is a sacrifice.
- God wants us to give to others in good times and in bad, whether we're rich or poor.
- We should give to the church because the church does God's work.
- Even a little gift can be important.
- There are things we have that we can give even when we don't have money.

**PREPARATION**

- Read the Scripture passage(s).
- Prepare a closing prayer.
- Check out the room (last room on the left) before your Sunday workshop. Locate any supplies you may need in the Christian Education resource room. Jeanne Crabb will be able to assist you.

**MATERIALS LIST:**

- Different colors of construction paper
- Elmer's glue & glue sticks
- Felt pens, crayons, glitter pens (no glitter is recommended)
- Scissors
- *Optional:* Envelopes (or these can be created by the artists with paper)
- *Optional:* Buttons, sequins, magazine pictures, etc., to glue on and decorate

**ADVANCE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Pre-cut paper into shapes or good sizes for gift certificates.
- Create an example; perhaps make one for each kid as a gift.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Opening-Introduction:**

- Greet the children and introduce yourself. Wear your nametag. Make sure the children are wearing nametags. Ask the class shepherd to supply temporary tags for any guests.
- Explain the purpose of this workshop. Use kid-friendly words to give a brief overview of what the children are going to learn and do.

**Main Project**

- Review the story. Encourage the children to use their Bibles to look up the passage. Be creative in ways to retell the story during weeks 3-4, as the children will be more familiar with it.
- Review the Memory Verse for this rotation.
- Review Discussion Questions before starting.
  - Ask the artists some of the people they know that they have something they can share or give to.
  - Ask the kinds of things you can give even when you don't have money.
  - Write their answers down on paper or chalkboard.
- Have the artists create at least one gift certificate for someone in the church or family, more if time permits. Be sure to have a TO: and FROM: line and also what the gift certificate may be redeemed for. An expiration date might be fun (at least a month)! Let the kids figure out the spelling, but lend support if asked.
- Tell the kids that the finished projects should be given to the recipients before or after worship, not during.

**Reflection and closing time:**

- Review memory verse again.
- Closing prayer.
- Tidy room. Turn off lights. Turn down thermostat to 55°.

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