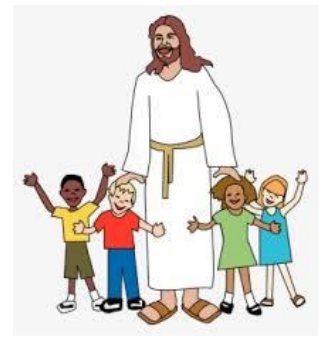




*Kia inu kau ahau,  
If I could just drink*  
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# Gospel for kidz



A Religious Education Resource for Parishes

**Today we are going to be talking about  
Jesus talked about his mission.  
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

***A reading from the gospel according to John.....adapted for children***

**A large crowd was listening to Jesus.**

**He told them,**

**“Watch out for people who pretend to be important,  
Who walk around in special robes and expect people to do  
What they say, and expect the best seats  
In the Temple and at parties.**

**They often cheat people especially Widows, and rob them of their homes.**

**They make a big show of being proper And saying long prayers.**

**They will suffer In the end for their pretending.”**

**Jesus sat in the Temple watching the people throw their money into the large Collection Bowl.**

**Many rich people put lots of money into it.**

**A poor widow came along and threw in two cents.**

**Jesus called his friends and said:**

**“You see that poor woman?**

**I tell you that she has thrown more than anybody else into the bowl.**

**All the others had plenty to give.**

**She had very little money, but she gave everything she had.”**

**All the others had plenty to give.**

***Let's sit quietly now and think of God's story.***

# Unpacking the Gospel

- Who does Jesus tell us to watch out for?
- Why?

The scribes were pretending, putting on a show, wanting others to see how great they were. They kept all the rules and made sure that everyone saw them do so. They wanted to look good.

They only thought about themselves, their reputations, not really caring for others

- How can we know that the widow was only pretending to be good ? Jesus pointed her out because she wasn't showing off, she was quietly giving ALL she had even though it wasn't much. We too can cut ourselves off, first from other people and then from God if we pretend by putting on a show of kindness and goodness, instead of making the effort to be truly what Jesus wants us to be.
- Who does Jesus want us to be like... the scribe or the widow?
- How can you show selfless love this week?



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# 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).



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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  
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R D G A W Y Y S S H S V T F C  
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amount	everything	more	poor	treasury
coins	Jesus	offering	poverty	truth
copper	large	penny	rich	wealth
disciples	money	place	temple	widow

# 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

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



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- 12-24-2-7-10 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 21-24-24-6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-24-25-17-6-15-5 \_\_\_\_\_
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PENNY	OFFERINGS	RICH	POOR	POVERTY
COPPER	WEALTH	MONEY	COINS	TEMPLE

## Color by Number for Jesus Taught About Giving

Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page. If you don't have all of the colors listed or find an area that's not numbered, make your best color choice.



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