

SPRING 2026

Unit 1, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Sacrificial giving is an act of worship.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In the passage today, we will explore the true meaning of giving and what Jesus expects and values. We'll see that the way the world views giving is drastically different from what Jesus had in mind. Our world sends constant messages of more, more, and more. We are driven to think in these terms. More stuff, better clothes, and a nicer car are just some examples. Sometimes, according to Jesus, less is more.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Live It Out: Jesus and His helpers were at the temple. Jesus sat by the boxes where people gave money. He watched as people dropped money into the boxes. Some rich people put in a lot of money.

Then a poor woman walked up to the box. Jesus watched as she put two tiny coins into the box.

Jesus called His helpers to Him. He said, "This poor woman gave more than all the other people."

Jesus explained that the rich people had only put in some of their money. The poor woman had given all the money she had.

KIDS

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Live It Out: Jesus sat in the temple near where people gave their offerings. He watched how the crowd put their money into the offering box. Jesus knew some of the people were very rich. He watched the rich ones put in large amounts of money.

As Jesus continued to watch, a woman approached the offering place. This woman was a widow. She did not have much money at all, but she dropped two small coins into the offering. The coins were not worth very much, but they were all she had.

Jesus called His disciples to Him. He explained to them, "This poor widow has given more than all the others. The rich people gave from the extra money they had. However, the widow is poor, and she gave everything she owns. This is all she has to buy the things she needs. She has given the most!"

STUDENTS

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

- Why is it essential to examine our own perspective about the wealthy people and the widow to see if it aligns with that of the world?
- As we see in this passage, what is the difference between a worldly perspective and a Christlike perspective?
- What can we assume about the true priorities of someone who gives sacrificially?

Live It Out:

Giving sacrificially is an act of worship. With your student, discuss how someone's giving could reflect a cultural or biblical perspective. Ask your student if he or she is giving out of their abundance or sacrificially. Give examples of what that could look like in your own life, and encourage your student to think of concrete examples in his or her life at school or church.