

Week of:
January 22, 2023

Who's Counting?

Preteen

Bible Story: Gotta Live (Widow's Mite) • Mark 12:41-44

Today's Bottom Line: Your money matters to God.

Monthly Memory Verse: "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:2 NIV

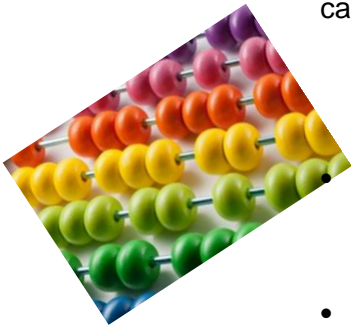
Monthly Life App: Counting – we count what really matters.

Activity: Heads or Tails?

What you need: Bible or Bible App and a penny

(After the Video) What You Do:

- Sit with your child.
 - Read aloud the brief narrative of today's Bible story found in Mark 12:41-44.
 - Invite your child to flip a penny in the air. Based on how the Penny lands, they can share what they remember from today's lesson.
 - Heads – Share a fact or detail from this story.
 - Tails – Share something we can apply to our life from this story. (Your child can share about what they have to give, like the widow gave her last two coins. How can they use what they have to show others who God is?)
- After your child has had a few turns tossing the penny, ask:
- How was the widow showing trust in God?
 - In what ways was the widow practicing living for God? How was it different from the others in the story?
- Reiterate that living for God is about more than giving money. It's about trying to include God in every part of your day. It's about asking yourself before you make a choice, "Does this honor God, and does it show love to others?"
- Look up and read Luke 10:27.
 - If you could sum up from this verse what it means to practice living for God, what would it be?
 - In what ways does this verse sum up what it looks like to practice living out your faith?
 - What questions should you ask yourself when trying to make a wise choice and live for God?
- Repeat the coin toss, but this time ask your child to share the following answers based on the way their coin lands.
 - Heads – Share one way we can honor God.
 - Tails – Share one way we can show love to others.
- As your child answers, prompt them to go deeper than the typical or "easy" answers.
 - Challenge them to go a step further in their responses by adding a "SO THAT . . ." or "BECAUSE . . ." after their answer as well.
 - This will help them think beyond the surface answers that they know are correct but may not have taken to heart or know how to apply.



PRAYER:

“God, You are so good! You can see what’s inside our hearts. Help us learn to live each day for You. Help us be people who love You and trust You with everything in our lives. Help us love You this week by loving the people around us. It’s so good to know that whatever we do to love You is a big deal to You. God, please give us a desire to share our blessings with others whether we have a lot or a little. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

