

**Week of:**  
**January 22, 2023**

**Who's Counting?**

**Elementary**

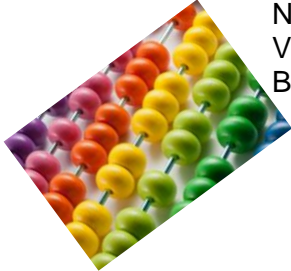
**Today's Bible Story:** Gotta Live (Widow's Mite) • Mark 12:41-44

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

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

Virtue: Counting - we count what really matters

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.



**Activity:** Coin Toss

**What you need:** Bucket (food storage container), a mixture of coins (pennies, nickels, quarters, and dimes), and floor tape

**(After the video) What You Do:**

- Set the bucket on the ground.
- Tape a line on the floor far enough away from the bucket that it will be a challenge for your child to toss a coin into the bucket.
- Hand your child a coin.
- Have them stand on or behind the tape line.
- Explain that they will take try to toss their coin into the bucket.
- If your child makes it in the bucket, invite them to do a victory dance.
- If your child misses, let them pick up their coin, and try again.
- Play at least two rounds, giving your child a new coin each time.
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**What You Say:**

Do you think the size of your coin mattered? Was a smaller coin easier to get in the bucket or harder? *(Wait for responses.)* What about a coin like a quarter? *(Wait for responses.)*

Remember that **[Bottom Line] your money matters to God**. In our *true* Bible story today, we heard about a woman who had only two coins to give.

- Have you ever given something to a friend? What was it?
- What is a talent you have that you could share with someone else? *(sing someone a song to cheer them up, draw someone a picture, make someone cookies)*
- What is a treasure you could share with God or someone else like the widow did? *(share their favorite teddy bear with their sibling, save up money and donate it to a charity, go through their toys and books and donate the ones that are still in good shape)*

**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. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

