

AIM: Agents in Motion

Mission #2 Impact your Church

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Pray: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- Pennies or play money/coins (5-10 per small or large group)
- 3 large plastic cups labeled "5," "10," and "15" (one set per small or large group)
- For younger kids: plastic bowls instead of cups (optional)
- Masking tape, yarn, or chairs for throw line (1 set of materials per small or large group)
- Story Props (optional)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When telling the story, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- Try asking kids to act out the story as you read it aloud
- The characters in the story are: Jesus, Rich People, Poor Widow
- You might use props: many pennies/coins for the rich, 2 pennies/coins for the widow, collection box

The Widow's Offering

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus went over to the collection box in the Temple and sat and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two pennies. He called His disciples to Him and said, "I assure you, this poor widow has given more than all the others have given. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

PLAY

(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

"The Widow's Coin Toss"

HOW TO START:

- Small or Large Group: Divide kids into 2-4 teams
- Set out the 3 large plastic cups on the table or floor
- Create a throw line using masking tape, yarn, or chairs

HOW TO PLAY:

- Say, "This game is called *The Widow's Coin Toss*. This game will help us to think about what great things can happen when we give back to God."
- Begin Round #1: One player from each team plays in round #1
- Each player stands behind the throw line and one at a time tosses 5 coins into the plastic cups
- Each coin successfully landing into a cup receives the point value displayed
- Each player adds up his/her cumulative points from the 5 coins tossed
- Record the number of points for each team
- Bonus Question: Ask the players a bonus question (see questions below)
- The first player to raise his/her hand and answer the question earns a bonus 5 points for his/her team
- Begin Round #2
- One player from each team plays in round #2
- Repeat all steps to complete round #2
- Repeat all steps for additional rounds as time and interest permit

PLAY OPTIONS:

- Hand out game prizes to all players
- For Younger Kids: Try using bowls instead of cups to create easier targets
- Bonus Activity: Coin Scatter – Scatter the coins on the ground. Record the time as team #1 gathers all the coins and places them into a cup/bowl. Repeat for each additional team. Lowest time wins the round.

GAME QUESTIONS:

- What does it mean to *tithe*?
- What is one thing that God has given to you?
- Why is it important to give back to God?
- How much did the widow give back to God? Was that a lot or a little for her to give? Why?
- How can your tithes/gifts help the church?
- How can your tithes/gifts help others in need? (food, clothing, shelter, etc.)
- How can your tithes/gifts help the church to tell others about Jesus?
- What is more important: to give a lot of money, or to give with a grateful heart? Why?
- How can giving your money back to God help your heart grow closer to Him?
- How do you feel about giving some of your money back to God? Why?
- Do you think God will give you everything you need? Why or why not?
- What does the Bible say will happen if you give your money back to God?

PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

- Make a list of all the things that God has given to you. Pray and ask God to help you to be generous with the things He has given you.
- Think of ways you can give this week. Think about tithing your money at church or giving food or clothes to someone in need.
- Pray for the needs of your church this week. Ask God to provide everything that your church needs. Ask God to show you how you can make more and more of an impact on your church.

PRAY

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- Ask kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided
- Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided
- Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids
- Close in prayer

God, you have given us all the things we need, and every good and perfect gift comes from you. Help us to have generous, giving hearts that always give some of our money back to you. We want to make a great impact. We pray that you would provide all the needs of our church so that together we can tell people about Jesus and meet the needs of all God's people. And we pray that you would help us to joyfully do the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Remember to...

- Hand out the MAP Books
- Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!