

let's play

Growing Givers



As your child grows and gathers life experiences, you can help him or her begin to understand how to fulfill the biblical mandate in 1 Timothy 6:18: "Be generous and willing to share." Fortunately, obeying this Bible command doesn't require extra equipment or special materials!

- Help a lost puppy during a family walk, donate money to worthy causes together, drive considerately—these actions reflect an attitude that teaches about *sharing* far more effectively than any words alone can!
- To help teach your child about generous *giving*, involve him or her in cleaning out closets or drawers. **You grew! You are too big for these clothes and toys. So we're going to give them to someone who can use them.** Make this a warm, positive time—point out how your child has grown; recall happy times enjoyed while wearing those clothes and playing with those toys. **I hope the next child who wears this shirt has as much fun as you did in it!** This helps to create empathy and compassion.

As your child works with you in sharing and giving to others, he or she learns powerful lifelong lessons!

I Love Bubbles!

Grab some bubble solution (purchase it or make your own with 1 cup water, 1/3 cup Dawn or Joy dishwashing liquid, and 2 tablespoons light corn syrup) and a bubble wand (or anything plastic with small holes in it). Dip the bubble wand in the bubble solution and call out, **Get ready!** As you blow bubbles, ask your child to name someone he or she loves for every bubble he or she pops. **I'm glad you have so many people to love! I love you, and God loves you too!**



For Younger Children

"I will be glad and rejoice in your love."

Psalm 31:7

For Older Children

"I love you, LORD."

Psalm 18:1

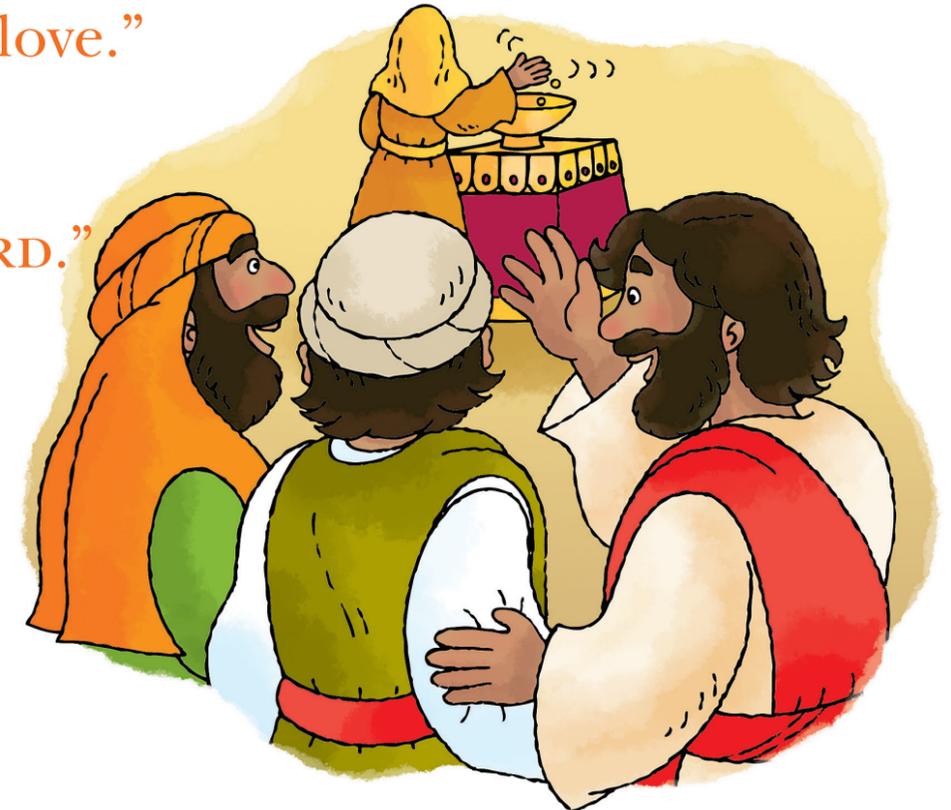
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Today I learned:

We can show that we love God in many ways. That makes God glad. It makes us glad too!

Ask me:

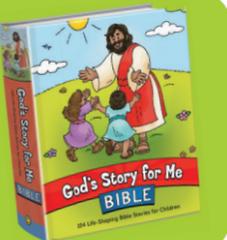
What is a way I show that I love you? What are ways we show that we love God?



What does the woman have in her hand? What did Jesus say about the woman?



Read the story on the next page and on pages 415-418 in *God's Story for Me Bible Storybook*.

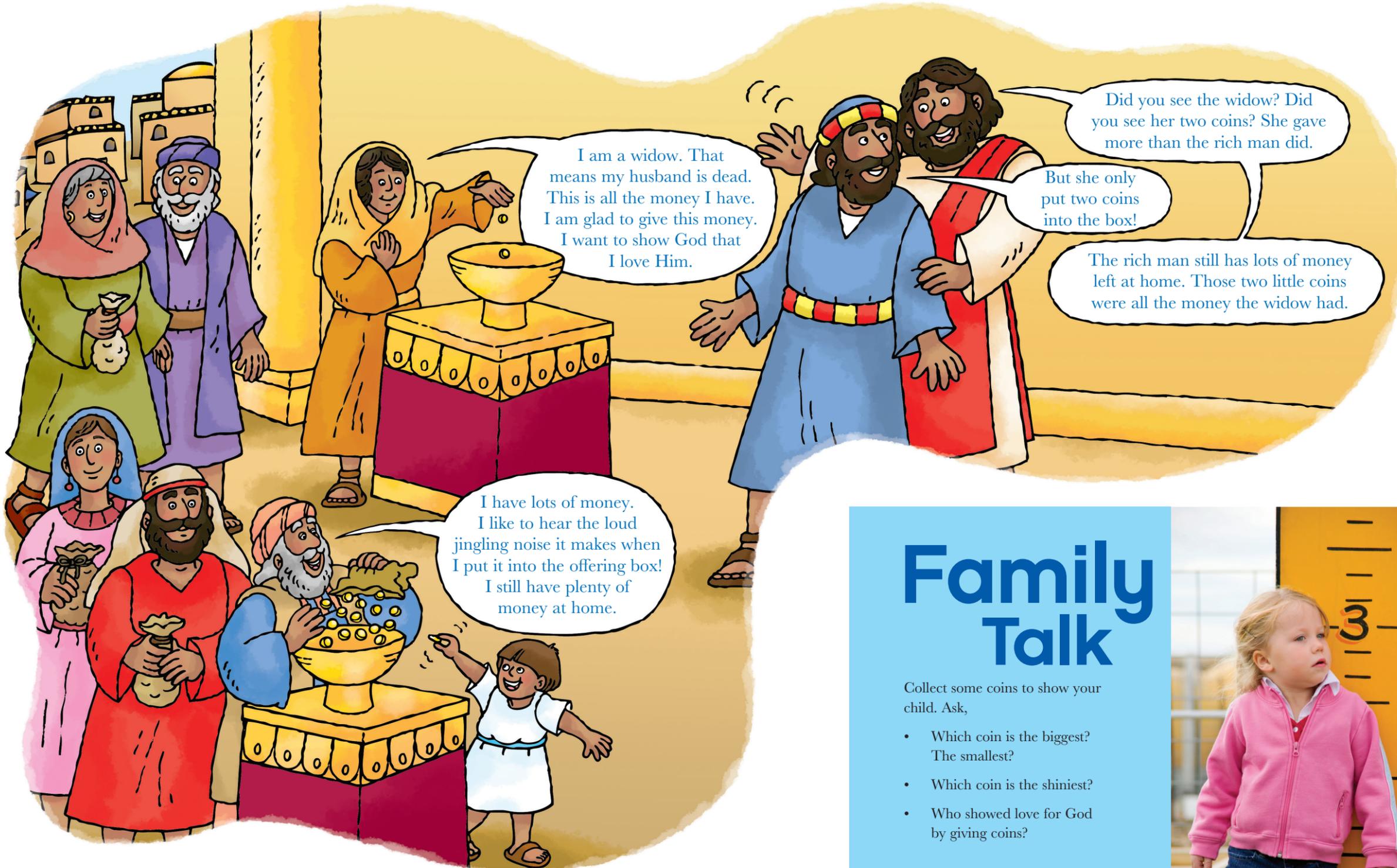


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Bible Story

Mark 12:41-44

Invite your child to point to the person who is speaking in each part of the story. **For older children:** How many coins can you count in this picture?



Family Talk

Collect some coins to show your child. Ask,

- Which coin is the biggest? The smallest?
- Which coin is the shiniest?
- Who showed love for God by giving coins?



Prayer Time

Things to talk about:

- What are some things we do at church to show love for God?
- What are some things we do at home to show love for God?

Words to pray together:

Dear God, thank You for loving us. We are glad we can show that we love You by [repeat ideas your child mentioned]. In Jesus' name, amen.

