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⁴²But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was Jesus doing in the temple?
5		2.) What were the rich people doing?
5		3.) What did the poor widow give?
5		4.) Why do you think Jesus was most pleased with the widow's offering?

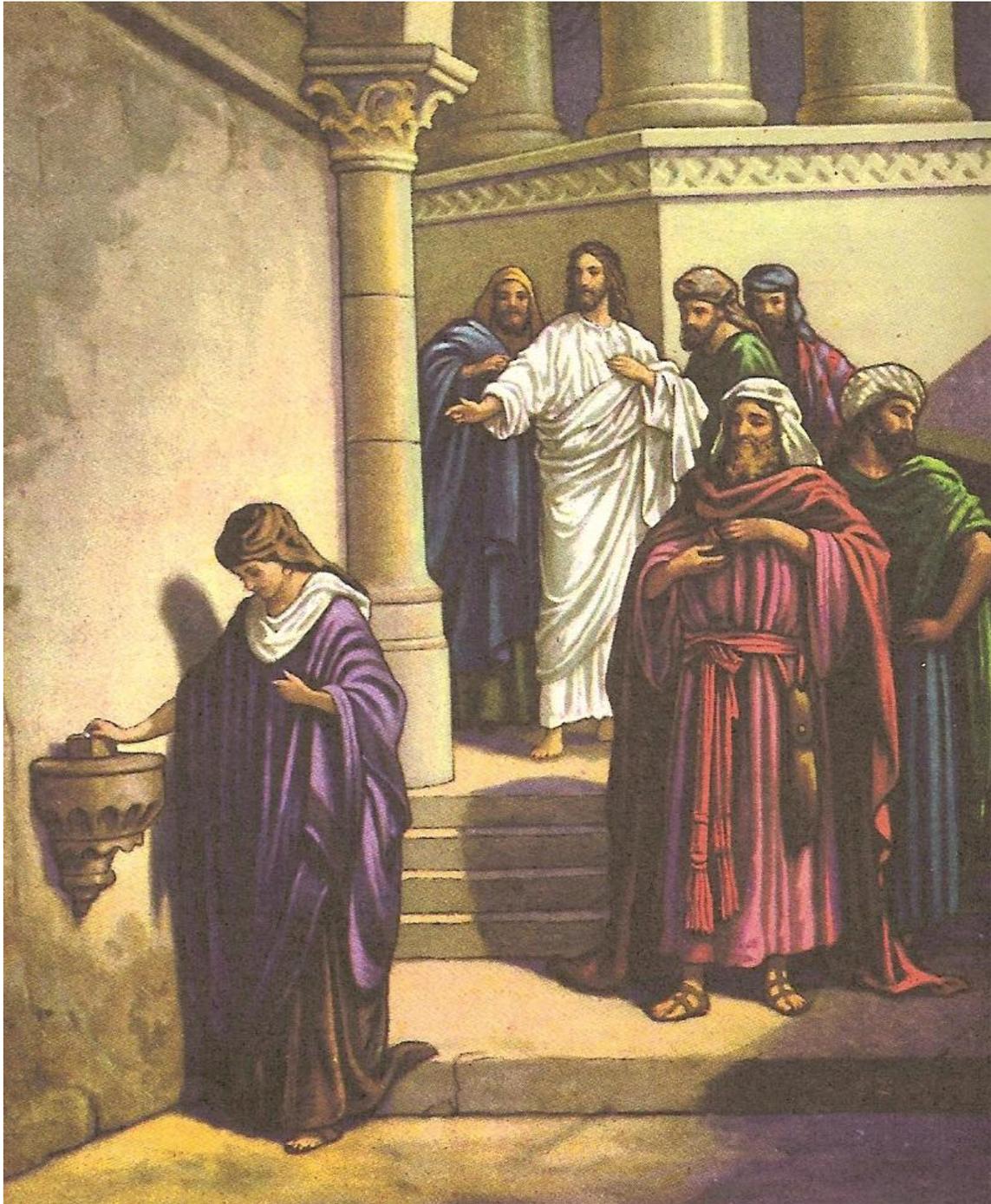
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>"...God loves a cheerful giver."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Corinthians 9:7</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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The widow gave her last two coins

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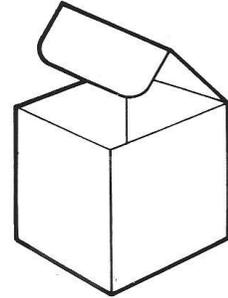
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: OFFERING BOXES

Students will make an “offering box” to remind them that the widow gave all she had which was much more, in the Lord’s eyes, than the rich people gave.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 Lb. Cardstock
2. Offering Box Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Tape or Glue
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “offering box” pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color/decorate their offering box.
3. Instruct them to cut out the box pattern on the solid black lines, and fold on the dotted lines.
4. Use tape or glue to affix the tabs to the sides of the box.
5. Help students cut a slit in the top to slide coins through.

FOR DISCUSSION

While the students are making their “offering boxes”, discuss what kinds of offerings are appropriate to God. Some examples include: praise, respect, honor, worship, prayer, money, etc. Encourage students to use their “offering boxes” to save money to give back to the Lord, as did the widow.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

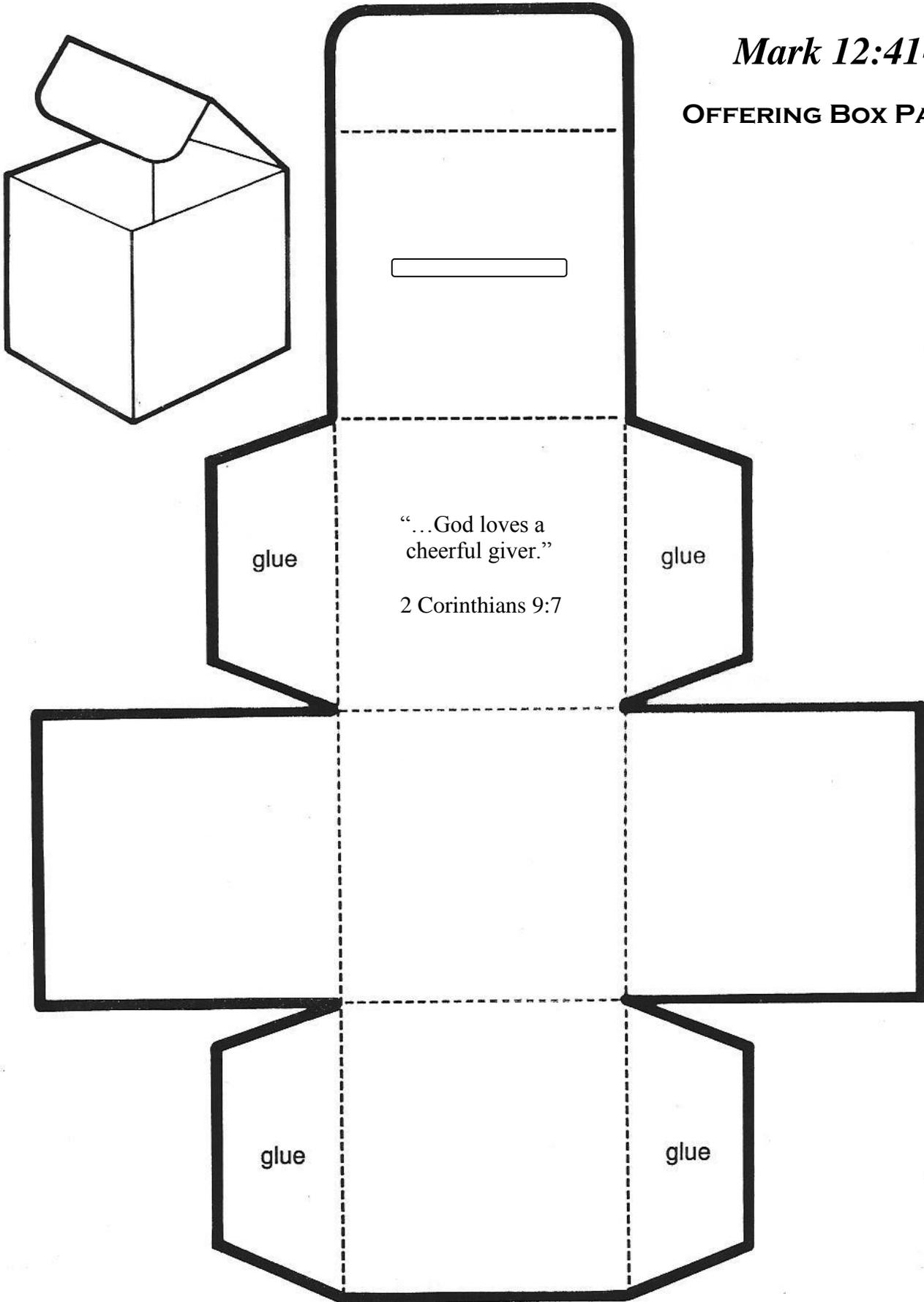
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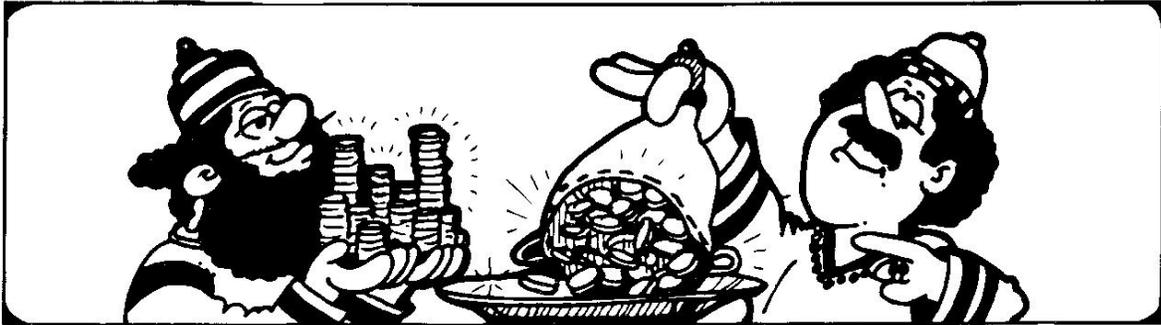
OFFERING BOX PATTERN



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Find out what the widow put in the offering by placing the correct letter in the blank. Check your answer by reading Mark 12:41-44.



1. ____ You'll find me once in *snake* and twice in *elephant*.
2. ____ You'll find me in *vanilla*, but not in *chocolate* or *lemon lime*.
3. ____ I'm once in *ears* and twice in *eyes*.
4. ____ I'm a consonant in *treasure* but not in *stadium*.
5. ____ You'll see me in *yard*, but not in *lard*.
6. ____ Look for me twice in *tight* and *little*.
7. ____ I'm a consonant in *house* and also in *heart*.
8. ____ I'm a vowel in *Illinois* but not in *Oregon*.
9. ____ I'm a consonant found once in *bean* and twice in *banana*.
10. ____ I'm a consonant in *green*, but not in *brown*.

The widow put in _____.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MARK 12:41-44

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Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put. He watched as the crowd put

their money into the temple treasury. The rich people gave large amounts of money. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins worth less than a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth. But she gave everything she had."

For more on this story, read Mark 12:41-44 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Jesus doing in the temple?
2. What were the rich people doing?
3. What did the poor widow give?
4. Why do you think Jesus was most pleased with the widow's offering?

MEMORY VERSE

"The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."

Proverbs 12:15

WORD SEARCH

Y K J W I D O W E W
F R Q E V C E G M G
Q S U E S L P R C N
Z Z B S P U I G O I
I F P M A C S Y I R
L I E B H E M K N E
E T R O O P R O S F
Z Z O Q O F D T X F
V O A D Z R Z N A O
B Q H A R G E A S I

COINS
JESUS
OFFERING
POOR
RICH
TEMPLE
TREASURY
WIDOW

Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that God is most pleased with those who give from their heart, not just out of their wealth.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss with your child the difference between giving from your heart and giving because you are expected to.

Bible Story Mini Book

The Widow's Offering



Mark 12:41-44

Colored by: _____



Jesus told his disciples that
the poor widow gave the
most because it was all she
had.



Jesus watched as people
gave money at the
temple.

Memory Verse

“...God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7

Bible Story Rhyme

One widow woman,

(Pull your pants away from your legs as if you were wearing a dress)

Came into the temple.

(Fold hands with both pointer fingers touching while pointing up like steeple)

She gave all that she had,

(Hold your hands out with palms up)

It was just that simple.

(Snap your fingers)



Many rich people gave
lots of money.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



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in two small coins. It
was all the money she
had.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: purse, many pennies for each child, basket, sheet

Say: We're going to act out the story of the widow's offering. One of you will be the poor widow with only two coins. The rest of you will be rich with many coins. One of you will pretend to be Jesus watching. When the rich people throw in their money you will have a sad face. When the widow puts in her money, you will smile.

Pass out several coins to each "rich" person, but only two to the widow who will store them in her purse. Have each child drop their coins into the basket as "Jesus" looks on (dressed in the sheet). Repeat and have children switch roles. Make sure "Jesus" smiles at the widow.

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