



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Giving

I will give God my
first and best!



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Leader Guide

Engage:

Give each of the kids in your group a bunch of items with different values. (Example: 10 candies, 100 pennies, 50 beads, 200 pompoms)

Talk about what it means to give a tithe and an offering. A tithe is 10% of what they earn, and an offering is anything above that. Have the kids figure out what the tithe would be for each item. Explain about how an offering is giving more than the tithe and doesn't have to be money. An offering can be giving your time, gifts, or resources.

Discuss:

**Have the kids open up their Bibles and read together
Luke 21:1-4**

In our Bible story today, we are reading about the widow who gave her offering. Jesus was watching the people who had a lot of money come in and drop off their offerings in the collection boxes. But then there was this lady who was a widow. She only had two small coins, and she gave them both. She gave everything she had and did it with a happy heart. Jesus said that even though other people gave more than the widow, they did not give all that they have. The widow didn't have much to give, but since she gave all that she had, she gave more than the others.

- What stops you from giving generously to others?
- What does it mean to give it all for Jesus in your life?
- What can you learn from hearing the story of the widow?

Response:

Give each of the kids a coin to hold onto so that they can feel it in their hands. Ask the kids to pray and ask God to speak to their hearts about ways He may be asking them to be generous with what they have. Encourage them to come up to the front, lay down their coin, and write next to it a way that God has asked them to be generous. You can use black paper with chalk or white paper with markers or crayons.

Memorize: **"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." (2 Corinthians 9:7, NLT)**

Write the memory verse on ping-pong balls, one or more words per ball, and put the balls in a bowl. Go over the verse a few times together as a group so the kids become familiar with it. Divide the verse into the same portions as you did for the balls, and assign one portion to each kid. Then have the kids do a relay race. One at a time, they should run across the room and grab a ball with their part of the verse written on it. Together as a group, have them work to put the verse together.

Create:

Give each of the kids a mini can of Pringles for a snack. Once they finish eating, allow them to take construction paper, gems, markers, and other craft supplies to create their own Generosity Bank from their empty container. Talk about how they can use this as a place to put in money for their tithe or offering. They may also use paper and pen to write down ways they can use their time and gifts to help others.

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What was the Big Idea?
I will _____ God my
_____ and _____!

Ask your friends and family what
it means to give God their first and best.

Memory Verse:

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