

STORIES!

WEEK 3

PRESCHOOL-5TH
GRADE:

OFFERING

DATE: 4/25/21

READ: LUKE 21:1-4

- **1** As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. **2** He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. **3** "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. **4** All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

STORY!

- When Jesus was at a temple, He saw many 'rich' people giving their offering. It was made clear that they were all trying to get people to see how much money they were giving. But offering is not measured by quantity or quality, but by the heart of the people who are giving. So when Jesus saw the woman who gave only two coins, He saw it as a true gift of offering. Because, out of what she thought was nothing, Jesus saw as a beautiful heart, and perfect gift of offering.

- This story is not saying that being rich is bad or that you have to give everything you have when you give offering. It is showing us that offering is not something for people to get praise for, it is something that we can do to show our faith in God. The woman who had nothing gave all she had which put her life in the hands of God. That is some crazy cool faith!

ANSWERS AND NOTES:

QUESTIONS:

- What do you think was going through the widow's head when she saw what other people were giving? And how do you think she felt after Jesus publicly commended her for her giving?
- What do you think we can do to give God an offering?
- Should we compare our offering to what other people give?

ACTIVITY: CHILDCARE WORLDWIDE CUPS

- This week our story has us listening to God for how much offering we can give. There are two coins in your cup to remind you of the widow's mites. There are also some stickers of three countries that Childcare Worldwide is raising money for. Decorate your cup with the stickers and draw designs on the cup so it can be a beautiful gift to these kids we are sharing our mites with. You can then add whatever money, prayers or offerings you want to and bring it back to Treasureland by the end of May.