

Lenten devotions * Week 4 * Love

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Questions:

- How did Jesus know how much money everybody had?
- What is a gift you've received that's meant a lot to you? What is a gift you've given that's meant a lot to you? Why were these meaningful?

Going Deeper:

- Why do you think the poor widow gave everything she had? What might happen to her, now that she has nothing left?

Activity:

Notice that there are two kinds of giving in this story: giving out of abundance, and giving out of poverty.

Find a way to practice both kinds of giving this week. Maybe you have a lot of books, or toys, and you wouldn't miss a couple if you donated them. Maybe you have a beloved Lego creation or piece of jewelry that you would really miss if you gave them away. Encourage every member of the family to participate. Brainstorm together places where each of these gifts could go, and offer them. Say a prayer of thanks for the joy these things have brought to your life, and for the people they might bring joy to next.

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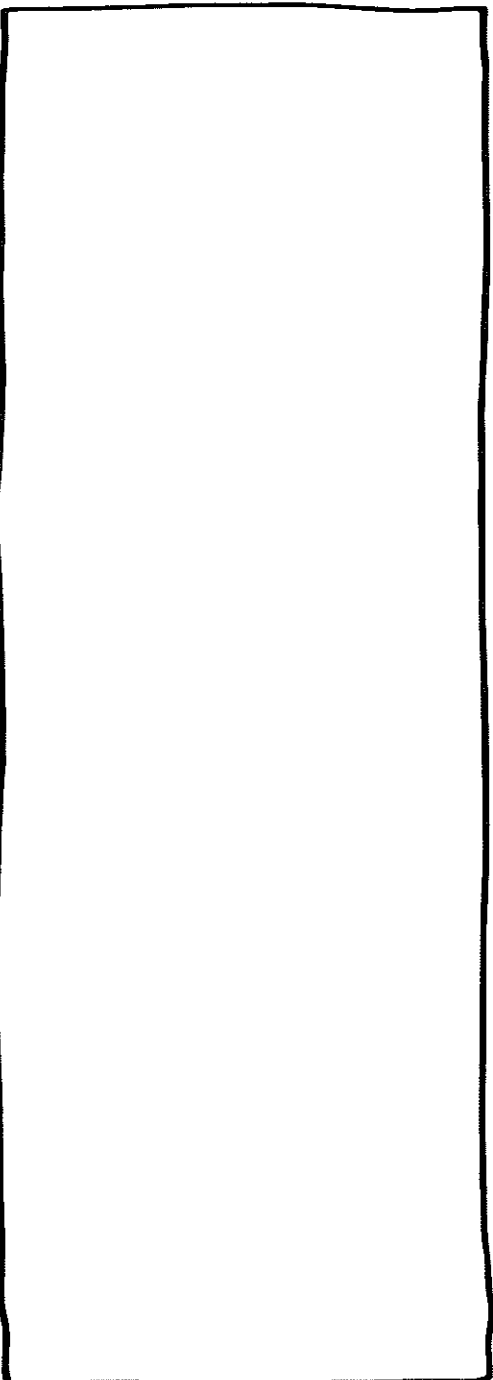
Prayer:

*Giving God,
All that we have,
and all that we are,
belongs to you.
Help us see each others' needs.
Open our hands and our hearts
to share. Amen.*



WEEK 4: LOVE

THIS WEEK, OUR THEME WORD IS LOVE. IN ORDER TO FOCUS ON WHAT LOVING
LOOKS LIKE IN OUR LIVES, WE HAVE ALL AGREED TO WORK ON THE FOLLOWING:



signed by:
