

The Widow's mite

Theme: Giving

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for Kingsquad, help us to learn from you today". Amen

Games:

Red Light – Green Light: The player serving as the "traffic light" stands at one end of the room. All the others stand at the other end. Play begins when the light turns his back to the others and says, "Green light." This is the signal for the others to advance toward the light. At any moment, however, the light may turn around and say, "Red Light!" Everyone freezes as quickly as possible, because anyone the light sees in motion must return to the starting place. The light alternates red and green until someone succeeds in touching them without being seen and then they become the light.

Penny Waddle: You will need a small bowl and 2p pieces, the small bowl is placed on the floor. Get the children into pairs then holding hands, each must place a coin between their knees and waddle 3 metres and try to drop the penny into the bowl. Played with two small teams it has amusing spectator value.

Memory verse: *"For God loves a cheerful giver". 2 Corinthians 9 v 7B (GNB)*

Write each word onto pieces of card. Take it in turns to roll a dice and anyone who scores a 6 can run and get a piece of card. When all the pieces are taken, arrange them in the correct order and get the group to read out the verse. This can be played in small groups or one big one!

Introduction: We can all give some of our money to help others. Can you think of any charities that you would like to support? Make a list. You could bring in some info about charities to show the children.

Story: Mark chapter 12 verses 41-44. This could be acted out in groups and then shown to everyone.

Application: In the story of the poor widow, Jesus noticed how she gave everything she had. What does that teach us? One good idea is to have a separate piggy bank which we can use to save some of our pocket money. Think of some other ways you can save money. This can then be used to give away to your favourite charity. Giving to God doesn't just have to be money though. What other things can we offer to God? Examples might be, our time = helping mum or dad, visiting older relatives, tidying up in the classroom or praying for people.

Prayer: In small groups, encourage everyone to take turns praying for a charity of their choice.

Resources: Funsheet

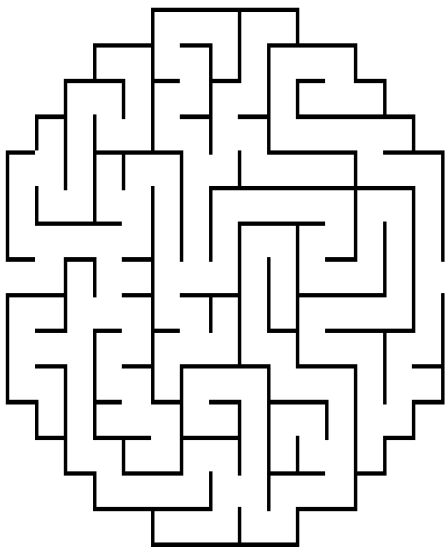
Song: "Gonna jump up and down" (Happy Song) Lovely Jubbly CD

Extra Game: Pebble Dash Stand in a line and hold out hands, palms cupped together. Secretly drop a small stone into someone's hand. On a command the person with the pebble has to get to a home base without being caught.



**"For God loves a
cheerful giver"
2 Corinthians 9 v 7b**

Can you get through the maze?



God, you are awesome!

Be a cheerful giver