

Beatitudes – Poor in Spirit (The widow’s offering)

Theme: God blesses you when you depend only on Him.
You belong to His Kingdom. (Matthew 5v3)

Game: Suck up a coin: Use pictures of coins cut out and place them in two separate containers. In teams, the children take it in turns to suck up a coin through a straw and drop it in the offering box which is a few metres away. The first team to get all their coins in the box is the winner.

Game: Heads or Tails: The leader has two coins to flip. The children have to guess whether the coins will land on “heads” or “tails”. If they think “heads” the children put both hands on their heads. For “tails” they put their hands on their bottoms. For one of each they put one hand on their head and one on their bottom. If they are wrong, they sit down. The winner is the one who has correctly guessed every time and is still standing.

Game: Pass the sweet jar: Each child is given a sweet. They sit in two rows, back to back. When the music plays, they pass round an empty sweet jar. When the music stops, the child holding the jar has to put their sweet inside it and leave the game. Ask the person left holding the full jar at the end “Would you like to keep all the sweets or would you like to share them with everybody?”

Introduction: Coin drop – Drop a £1 coin into a bucket filled with water. Give a few children a penny and ask them if they can drop their penny in the bucket so that it exactly covers the £1 coin in order to win the money. Ask why money is so important to us.

Story: The widow’s offering – Mark 12 verses 41-44: The children can mime the different characters whilst you tell the story.

Application: In our story today, what did the widow give away for God’s work? Everything she had! Do we trust God enough to give away what we have and depend on Him to look after us? What could the children give or do with their lives to show that they depended on God? You could give a personal testimony where you have depended on God and He has blessed you.

Memory verse: “I wait patiently for God to save me; I depend on Him alone.” Psalm 62 verse 1: Divide children into two teams and give each team the verse on pieces of card which, when fitted together, make a jigsaw puzzle. One person from each team stands at the other end of the hall and one by one, the team members bring them a piece of the puzzle. They fit it together and have to teach the others in their team the verse. First team to recite it perfectly are the winners.

Song: “Help me be your eyes, Lord Jesus.” (Fandabidozzie Track 9)

Prayer: Give each child a boy or girl template and ask them to write “Jesus” where their hearts should be. They can write their prayers on the paper dolls asking God to help them to depend on Him and thanking Him that they are part of His Kingdom.

Resources: Funsheet, boy template, girl template



