



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle B - XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17, 10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9, 24-28; Mark 12, 38-44 or Mark 12, 41-44

The Poor Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Reflection

Jesus says with her two coins, the poor widow has given more than anyone. Why does He say this when the rich gave so much more? (The rich had given from their surplus or extra and the widow gave what she needed to live.) **Why did the widow give so much?** (She loved God with her whole heart and wanted to show Him her gratitude for all He had done for her.) **What has God done for us?**

(He gave us life, our families and friends, our health, the earth, our home and food, the Holy Family, our Guardian Angel, He paid for our sins on the cross and gave us eternal life...)

Why is it important to give to the Church and to the less fortunate? (The Church needs us to be able to communicate Jesus' message of love so all may be saved; to help the less fortunate; to build schools that teach children about God... When we give, we are adoring God, letting Him know we love Him and are grateful for all He does for us.) **When we offer to God with love our work, our sharing with others, our time or talents, our forgiveness to those who hurt us, our prayers for others...we make a valuable offering to God.**

What talents, time, or treasures can you share to build God's Kingdom? Share.

Activities

On the following page, fill in the blanks with the words from the gospel. On the other page, write or draw on the balloons an offering to God of prayer, of your time to help others, a donation of a toy to someone in need, a talent you can use to help build God's Kingdom.

Prayer

Lord, we have received life and all that we are and have from your generosity. Help me to put all Your gifts at the service of others to help build Your Kingdom. Amen

Song: A Gift to You, Angel911 (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/l_g76phMf5E (2-7 years)

All that I am, Lifetree Kids, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/pP1SKYk11Ow> (8+ years)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AI1uLNnOlGvtlc3yl-P_vOg3DNE1gz-3/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true





The Poor Widow,

Fill in the blanks with the following words:

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POVERTY

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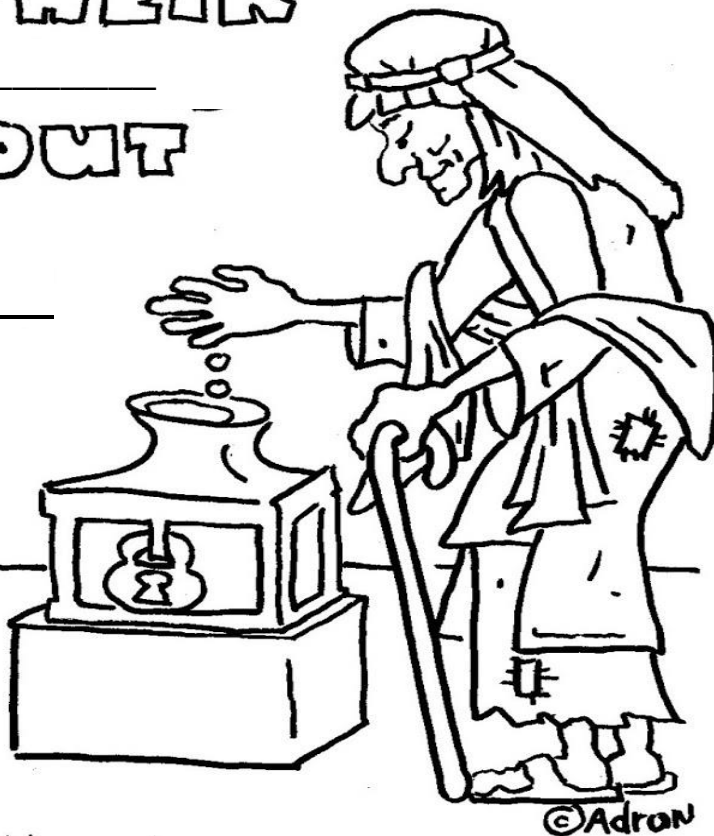
LIVE

WIDOW

TRULY I TELL YOU,
HE SAID, "THIS POOR
WIDOW
HAS PUT IN
MORE THAN ALL
THE OTHERS, ALL
THESE PEOPLE
GAVE
OUT OF THEIR

POVERTY
BUT SHE GAVE
OUT OF HER

WIDOW
PUT IN
ALL SHE
HAD TO
GIVE
ON."
LIVE



Luke 21:34

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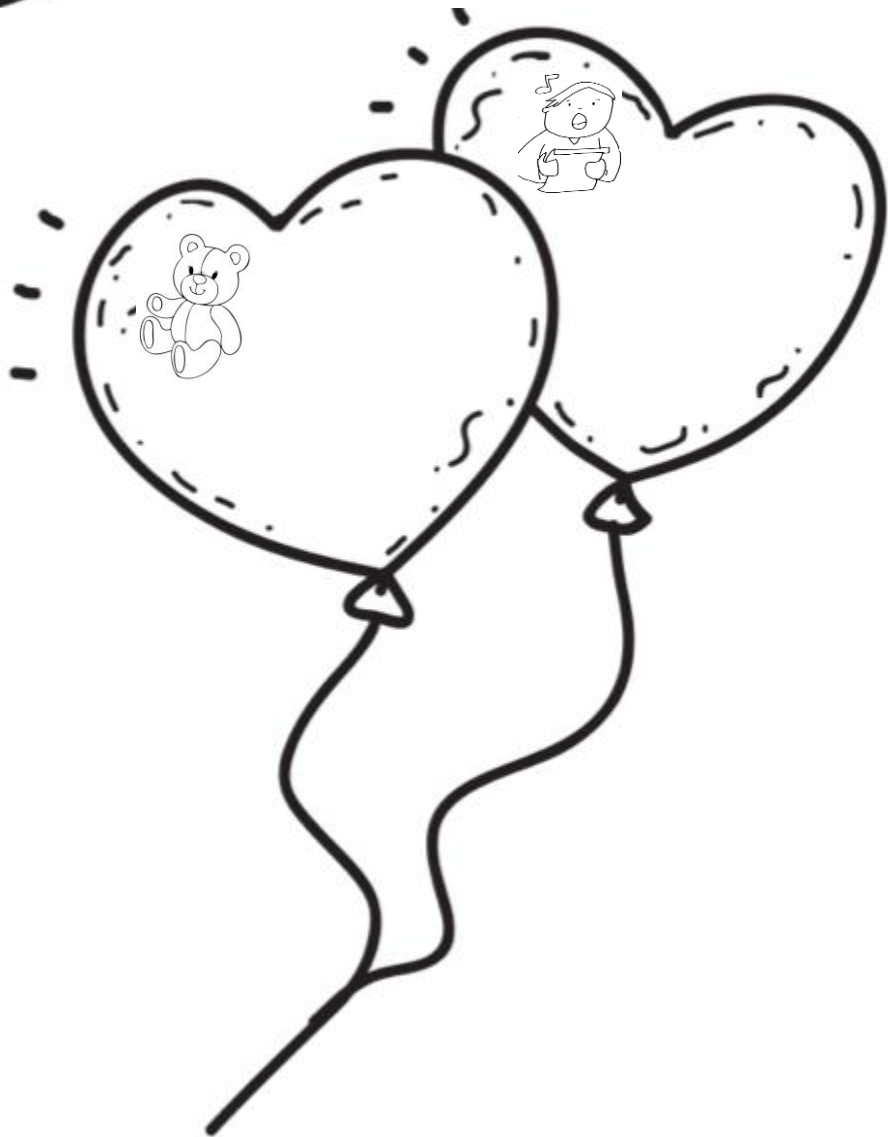
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OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR GOD

Instructions: Write or draw in each balloon an offering to God of prayer, of your time to help others, a donation of a toy to someone in need, a talent you can use to help build God's Kingdom.



**My God,
I Believe,
I Adore,
I Trust,
And I Love You.**

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