



COMMITMENT | WEEK 5 | MAY 29-30, 2021

Virtual 4th-5th Lesson

Whatcha Say

Life App: Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice

Bible Story: Gotta Live (Widow's Mite) • *Mark 12:41-44*

Key Question: How can you live for God?

Bottom Line: Practice living for God.

Basic Truth: I am made by God to worship Him.

Memory Verse: "Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8, NIRV

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Growing in faith is not something that happens by merely cramming more information about the Bible into a child's brain. All of that knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can do in their hearts. To fully experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith. And that takes commitment.

God keeps all His promises and puts His plans into action. Because God has followed through on those plans, we get the chance to be with God forever. We reflect God's commitment to us when we can make a plan and stick to it. This month, we'll help kids discover that one of the best plans they can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. Commit to practicing faith by reading God's Word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out that faith every day.

Key Question: How can you live for God? Kids might think that they only practice their faith when they come to church, go to Small Group, or sing in large group. But when you practice living for God, you discover that whatever you do—work, play, read, sing, listen, whatever—can be a way you worship God with your life.

We finish the month in **Mark 12:41-44**. Jesus is with His disciples and notices how wealthy people are giving lots of money, but then came a poor widow. She gave just two small coins. While this seemed like such a small gift, Jesus says this woman gave more than the rich people because she gave everything she had.

Bottom Line: Practice living for God. We know that many kids love to sing and worship God. But worship isn't just something we do when we sing at church; worship is how we honor God with our whole lives—through how we love others and serve them, how we give of our time and talents, how we obey and praise God, even how we rest. We want kids to practice the faith skill, LIVE, and discover that worship isn't just singing loud. It's living loud.



SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY AND DISCUSSION

(Coins for kids)

What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.
- If you choose, consider using an icebreaker question to get kids talking.
- Practice saying the memory verse together.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group, get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled (Video found at theparenthub.net).

Activity:

What You Do:

- Prompt the kids to take on a few "coin challenges."
 - Coin Catch:
 1. Bend one arm at the elbow so that their forearm is parallel to the floor and their hand is touching their shoulder.
 2. With palm facing up, place the coin on top of their elbow so it is facing the ceiling. They are now ready for the challenge.
 3. Tell kids to quickly snap their arm downward as they try to catch the coin before it hits the ground.
 4. Encourage kids to keep practicing until they can catch the coin several times in a row.
 - Coin Spin: How long can kids spin a coin on a flat surface such as an uncarpeted floor or table.
 - Coin Stack: How many coins can kids stack on their forehead while standing with their head tilted back?
 - Coin Tower: How many coins can kids stack in one minute using only one hand?
- After doing the first one (Coin Catch) together as a group, give kids the instructions for the other 3 challenges and then allow a few minutes for them to play and experiment with the coin challenges.
- Remind them to make sure they can be seen on camera so everyone is "together" doing the same thing and remind them to keep the noise level down so everyone can be heard.

What You Say:

- Use the following to engage kids in a conversation about today's story:
 - How was the widow showing trust in God?
 - In what ways was the widow practicing living for God? How was it different from the others in the story?
- Reiterate that living for God is about more than giving money. It's about trying to include God in every part of your day. It's about asking yourself before you make a choice, "Does this honor God, and does it show love to others?"
- Look up and read Luke 10:27. Then ask:
 - If you could sum up from this verse what it means to practice living for God, what would it be?
 - In what ways does this verse sum up what it looks like to practice living out your faith?
 - What questions should you ask yourself when trying to make a wise choice and live for God?

Close your group in prayer:

“Dear God, we know You gave us Your Word to help us learn how to follow You. Help us commit to putting into practice what we’ve discovered today about how to live for You. Remind us this week to make choices that honor You. We need Your help to stay focused on You and on Your ways as we run the race of life. Remind us also that we can show Your love to the world in the way we act, talk, trust You no matter what. In Jesus name, amen.”