



COMMITMENT | WEEK 5 | MAY 29-30, 2021

## Virtual K-3 Lesson

# Gotta Live

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

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

**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.*

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

(Paper, Pencils/Crayons, Coin)

### What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.
- If you choose, consider doing some ice breaker questions with your group (how was your week, would you rather..., etc.)
- Practice saying the memory verse together.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group (Find video at [theparenthub.net](http://theparenthub.net)), get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled.

### What You Do:

- Guide kids to use their paper, pencils/crayons, and coins to make a few coin rubbings.
- Make sure they know how to do this before they begin.
- If necessary, show them (or let them show each other) how to place the coin under the paper, hold the pencil or crayon at a 45 degree angle, and run their hand back and forth to make lots of shading strokes.
- The coin's outline and imprint should appear on the paper as they do this.
- As kids make a few different rubbings, ask the questions below:
  - How many coins did the widow have and how many did she give? (two and two)
  - According to Jesus, did the widow give more or less than all the rich people? (She gave more.)
  - Did the widow give her coins so people would see what she did, or did she do it because she was living for God? (because she was living for God)
  - Do you think the widow may have been embarrassed by only giving two coins when everyone else was giving so much? (Let kids talk about this one for a few moments, since it's a hypothetical question and requires them to think about what someone else may have felt.)
  - Why do you think the disciples were confused when Jesus said the widow gave more? (because she only gave two coins, when the rich people gave so much money)
  - Did Jesus see the two coins or the widow's heart more? (He saw her heart and how she was living for God.)

### What You Say:

"If I put a bag of gold next to this penny, which amount is greater? (Pause.) The bag of gold, of course. But on that day when Jesus watched the people bring in their offerings, which one cost the giver MORE: the bags of gold or the two coins? (Pause.) Yes, the two coins. The rich men made a big show of their giving that day, when in fact it didn't really affect them. They still had plenty of money left to spend. While the widow, whose husband had died and who didn't have any way to make money, quietly gave ALL she had. She chose to trust God completely, believing that He would provide all she needed. And THAT—her complete trust and faith in God—is what impressed Jesus.

"There are so many ways we can **[Bottom Line] practice living for God** that don't have anything to do with money. We can help. We can serve. We can make wise choices that protect us and the people around us. Every time we have a choice, we can ask ourselves: Does this choice honor God? Does what I'm about to do show love to others? These questions will help you as you make a commitment to **[Bottom Line] practice living for God.**"

***[Make it Personal]*** (What are some choices you've made in the past that you know honored God—especially those that might seem silly to others? How did those choices protect you and strengthen your faith and trust in God?)

## DISCUSSION

**Ask** the following questions and lead the group to discuss:

- Finish the following sentences:
  - Living for God is easiest when . . .

- Living for God is hardest when . . .
- Is there a difference between KNOWING God and LIVING for God? Explain.
- If someone said they wanted to live for God but didn't know how, what would you tell them? What's the first step you'd tell them to take?

Close your group in prayer:

“God, we know we won't grow in our faith if we don't actively practice hearing from You, praying to You, talking about You, and living for You. Help us continue to practice every single day so we can grow. We love You and are so grateful for the greatest gift ever—Your Son, Jesus. It's in Jesus' name we ask all these things. Amen.”