

*Preschool Fall*  
*Lesson 7:*  
*The Bible Tells Us to Give*

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Understand that God wants us to give to the service of the church on Sundays
- 2) Learn that giving makes God happy
- 3) Read from the Bible the Widow's offering and see that giving is good

**Accommodations:** How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for Ideas

### **Supplies**

#### **Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)**

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheets – Parking Lot from previous class – one per student
- Cars for attendance – make sure each child has 5 cars
- Tape to share
- Collecting Money Plate Craft Template – one sheet per student printed on white construction or cardstock paper
- Scissors – to cut out plates before class
- Tape to share
- I Can Give Drawing Sheet – one per student
- Book – The Bible teaches us To Worship (the one you made from previous lessons)

#### **Depending on time choose some optional activities to do and gather supplies**

- Widow's Offering Book – By Arch Books (if available)
- Coin for each child to put in collection plate – make sure each child gets the same value in coin also have coins for demonstration along with a bucket or bowl that will make a noise when coins are dropped into the bowl/bucket
- I Can Give Color Page – one per student
- Aluminum Foil – small round pieces for each child to tape or glue to color page
- Tape or Glue – to share
- Dolls of family members – enough for each child to get some to play with
- Church building template – the one from last time pre-made so children's doll families have a place to go for worship
- Bibles – one per child
- Play Dough – enough so each child can play with some dough and make coins and a plate
- Books or Visual Aids on Giving
- Soft Ball – Roll the Ball Game to learn how to share/give the ball – one per class to share
- Snack – Coin shaped snack – to remind students of giving enough for each child to get some
- Napkin and a glass of water

### **1) Introduction to lesson:**

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance. Let each child put a car in their attendance parking lot for this week. For students who have come already 5 times in a row – let them remove their cars from the lot and start putting their cars one at a time in the parking lot again. Have them sit on the floor when finished (on mats if available) close

together. Tell them, **“Today we are going to continue to learn what the Bible teaches about worshipping God! Worship means to give honor, praise and obedience to God because we love Him and because He deserves it.**

**God loves us and we need to obey His Word – the Bible! And the Bible teaches us that we should give on Sundays to help our church family and those in need.** (Hold up a Bible.)

Say: **God wants us to give on Sundays.**

**How many of you give to God with your family on Sundays – raise your hand?** Let students respond  
It makes God happy when we give. Do you like giving gifts to people to open? Let students respond.

**It is fun to give gifts to people – to see them happy when they open their gift. It makes people and God happy too when we give some money on Sundays. That money can be used to help tell others about Jesus and it helps those who are in need.**

**How many of you want to give at Sunday church services – raise your hand?** Let students respond.

**We learned last time that we make God happy by singing.**

**Let’s sing some songs to get us started for our class today!**

### **I am Jesus’ Little Lamb**

Tune: “Mary Had a Little Lamb”

I am Jesus’ little lamb, little lamb, little lamb,  
I am Jesus’ little lamb and He takes care of me!  
I follow Him to Bible school, Bible school, Bible  
school.  
I follow Him to Bible school and He is glad to see  
me!

### **Bible Time**

Tune: London Bridge

Gather ‘round, it’s Bible time,  
Bible time, Bible time.  
Gather ‘round it’s Bible time;  
come and listen.

Hand out one Bible to each child. Say to students. **Last time we learned that the Bible is VERY special. Do you know why? Because it is God’s! God made the Bible for us and the Bible has all of God’s Words in it for us to obey. Isn’t that wonderful? God made the Bible for each and every one of us! God loves us very much and wanted each one of us to have a Bible to read, to use and to study His wonderful words. God loves us and expects us to obey Him. Today we are going to learn that the Bible teaches that we need to worship God and that includes giving for the work of the church at church services on Sundays – every Sunday.**

**Let’s all say “Thank you God for our Bibles!”** Have students say it together. **Let’s all say “Thank you God for our church family!” Good job! Let’s sit quietly while I read a book on ways we worship God.**

\*Read book “The Bible Teaches Us to Worship”. Then when done say:

**Good job \_\_\_\_\_** (fill in names of those who sat quietly while you read) **for listening carefully and quietly. That made God happy!**

**Now let’s quietly go to the table so we can do another fun activity!**

## **2) I Will Give Like the Widow**

**10 minutes**

\*Before class: Get the Widow’s Offering Book from Arch Books to read to the class; if unavailable read the following while you hold up a picture (like the color page or drawing page) of people giving.

If available also – gather some coins and a bowl or container that when the coins are dropped into the container it will make a lot of noise.

\*During class: Ask students to sit at the table and listen quietly while you read about the Widow's offering. Say: **We are going to read from the Bible, Mark 12:41-44** (when you read from the Bible – have a large handful of coins in your hand ready to drop into a bucket – save two small coins for later)

### **Mark 12:41-44**

**41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.** (Drop into your bucket the large handful of coins – make it as noisy as possible) **42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.** (Drop in the two small coins you kept back into the bucket)

**43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”**

\*Then if available read the story from the Widow's Offering Story to help students hear about the widow again. Do the same with the coins when you read from this book – drop in the large handful when other's gave and drop in two small coins when the widow gives.

Say, **“Even though others gave more, this woman made Jesus very happy – she gave to help those in need, even though she was in need too! Even though the amount she gave was small – it was big to Jesus! He knew how much it cost her to give up these coins.**

**The widow knew and trusted that God would take care of her too! We can give to the church every Sunday and that makes God and Jesus happy. We can know that the money we give will make others happy. When we give we can be happy too – knowing that the money we give will be used to help those in the church and those in need. Isn't that nice?**

Say each child's name and then say: **You are all big enough to give like the widow in the Bible did!**

### **3) Action Rhyme and Songs**

**5 minutes**

**Let's do some action rhymes about the Bible and sing songs to God about the Bible and giving!**

#### **My Bible – Action Phrase**

This is my Bible. (Palms together)  
I'll open it wide. (Open hands; keep them touching.)  
And see what is written inside!

(Fold hands and bow head)  
The Bible says, “Listen” I will obey.  
(Cup hand to ear)  
The Bible says, “Give” I will obey.  
(Pretend to drop money in basket)  
The Bible says, “Go to church” I will obey.  
(Walk fingers along arm or step feet up and down)

The Bible says, “Sing” I will obey.  
(Start to sing another song)

#### **God is Happy**

Tune: Are You Sleeping?

#### **Action Play – The Bible Says**

The Bible says, “Pray” I will obey.

God is happy. God is happy.

When we do right.  
When we do right.  
God is very happy.  
God is very happy.  
When we do right.  
When we do right.

When we learn what's right  
When we pray  
When we worship Him  
When we sing  
When we give  
When we obey

Repeat tune instead of "when we do right" fill in  
with different lines:

Say, **God speaks to me through the Bible. He tells me to go to church services on Sunday. I want to do what God says. So, I obey! I do not go on Saturday, I do not go on Monday, because God tells me to go worship Him on Sunday. I obey God and that makes God happy and me happy too!**

**Did you obey God by coming to church services on Sunday today? Yes you did! Good job - that makes God happy when we obey His Bible!**

**Are you going to sing when everyone sings? Good job - that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.**

**Are you going to listen when everyone listens? Good job - that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.**

**Are you going to give when everyone gives? Good job - that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.**

**Are you going to pray when everyone prays? Good job - that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him!**

#### 4) I Can Give Collecting Money Plate Craft

10-15 minutes

\*Before class print the template of the Collecting Plate on white construction or cardstock paper and cut out for those too young to cut out themselves. Gather crayons and tape or glue sticks for class.

\*Optional: Have a coin to give to each child to start their collecting so they have something to put in the collection plate during church worship today.

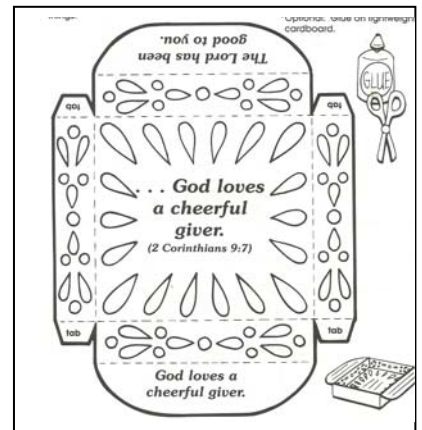
During class say: **God wants us to give every Sunday when we come to church services. God says we should be happy when we give and that when we give it makes God happy too! We are to give every Sunday to help people in need and to help with the church's needs as well.**

**The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that every Sunday we "should give what we have decided in our heart to give" we should do it willingly and happily, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

**Do you like receiving or getting gifts?** Let students answer

**Do you like giving gifts to people and seeing how happy they are when they open a gift?** Let students answer

**When we give on Sundays it makes the people who receive it happy and it makes God happy too! It makes us happy as well because we know we are helping - and helping is a good feeling, right? So to help us collect our coins for Sunday giving we are going to make a special plate that we can keep at our home to remind us to put in our coins that we are going to give to work of the church every Sunday!**



Hand out one plate to each child with crayons. Ask them to color the plate while you read the words that are written on it. Ask students to write their name on the bottom of the plate and help them if needed to do so.

After they have colored, fold the tabs and the dashed lines. Apply glue or tape to the tabs and fasten them to form a box shape. If giving coins, give each child a coin to put in the plate and remind them that they are to give this coin at church services today when the collection plate comes around – it is not for them – it is for the church.

Ask if the students have any questions related to giving on Sunday and answer if possible with the Bible as your reference.

Ask students to help clean up before moving on to the next activities. You can sing the Clean Up Song below as you work.

Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well.

### Clean Up Song

Clean up, clean up

Everybody everywhere!

Clean up, clean up

Everybody do your share!

Repeat

#### 5) Optional: Widow's Offering Book – by Arch Books

5 minutes

If you can find the book and are able, gather students around while you read the story “the Widow's Offering” again.

#### 6) Optional: Play Dough Giving Time

5-10 minutes

Hand out one color of play dough to each child and ask them to make pretend coins and a plate to put them in to help us all remember that we should give on Sundays at church services as a way to worship God. When finished asked the students to help put the play dough back in the containers before continuing on. (For students that have a hard time “giving up” their creation they just made – tell them we will all take a “picture” for our minds to remember our creation. Pretend to take a picture of their play dough creation and have them do it too – then say, “Now we have a picture to remember the neat play dough creation you made! Now we can put the play dough away for next time”)

#### 7) Optional: Roll the Ball Share/Give Game

5 minutes

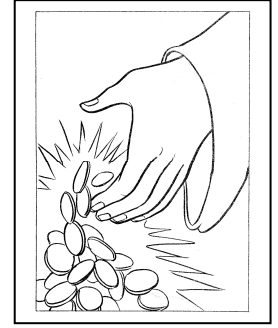
Have students sit on the floor in a circle, or if unable – have them make a circle at the table so that when a ball is rolled on the table or floor, they can easily catch it.

Say to students: **Giving makes God happy! We should give every Sunday at church services to worship God. The Bible tells us so. To help us remember we are going to give the ball to each other. I will roll the ball to one of you, when you catch it say 'I can give!' then roll the ball to someone else gently. Each of us will get a turn to roll the ball and give it to someone else. If someone catches it who already had a turn, they will pass it to someone who hasn't ok?** Start the game by rolling the ball and saying **'I can give!'** Encourage students to do the same. Repeat the game as many times as they are interested in playing.

### 8) Optional: I Can Give Color Page

10 minutes

\*Optional: Before class cut out small circles to look like coins from a piece of aluminum foil for students to glue on their I Can Give Color Page. Make sure pieces are not too small or given to students who might try and eat them.



During class hand out one color page to each student along with crayons. Say: **The Bible tells us to give every Sunday. We should be happy when we give.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ (insert names of each child) is big enough to give on Sunday! Let's color the page to remind us that we should give on Sunday at church services.**

If doing, hand out a few foil circles to each child to tape or glue on their page after they have started coloring – help students as needed and help them also to write their name on the page.

### 9) I Can Give Drawing Sheet

10-15 minutes

Hand out one sheet per student along with crayons. Read the words on the page and ask the students to draw a picture of themselves giving on Sunday at church services. They can look at the picture provided or color it as well if they prefer. Talk about how giving makes us and God happy. Help students if they are having trouble figuring out what to draw.



Turn in your Bible while they draw and read some verses that talk about giving:

**1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

### 10) Optional: Dolls and Bibles – We Can Pretend to Worship

10 minutes

Pass around dolls and Bibles and/or other things that will help children remember what they learned - that the Bible is God's Word and they need to obey it by worshipping God by coming to church services every Sunday and to give.

Say, **"The Bible is from God. As we pretend with these Bibles and dolls let's remember that God gave us the Bible and in the Bible it says we need to worship Him and obey Him. That is why we are all here today at services - to worship God! Let's share our dolls and Bibles and pretend that our dolls are going to church services to read the Bible and obey and learn about God. Let's practice all the things we do on Sunday using our dolls.** (Pretend they go to Sunday school class. Pretend they go to worship and sit, pray, read their Bibles, give and listen.) Talk about how happy God is when we read from His Word the Bible and obey His Word. Talk about how happy our family is when we come to Sunday school and sit, listen and obey the teacher and read from the Bible. Ask students what things they remember people doing every Sunday when they are at church services.

Then while they play, open your Bible and turn to **Acts 20:7** ask students to look and listen while you read from the Bible this paraphrased version: **On the first day of the week we came together... The Bible says we should come together on the first day of the week – that is today – Sunday! We are all obeying God by being at church services this Sunday! Good job!**

Then say to students, **"The Bible is God's Word!"**  
**Do the following rhyme with your Bible:**

**Best Book of All – Rhyme**



Books, books, big and small;  
What's the very best book of all?

THE BIBLE!

(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

**11) Optional: Snack Coin: Circle cookie, cracker, or round orange slices 5-10 minutes**

Before class find or prepare a snack that looks like a coin.

Say to students: **"You've all done a great job this morning learning about God's Word – the Bible and that we need to worship God by giving when we go to church services every Sunday! We made a special plate to collect our coins that we will put in the church collection plate for Sundays as well. To help us remember the importance of giving, we are going to have a snack that reminds us of coins!** Hand out snacks to each child, along with a glass of water to each child.

Ask students while they snack: **What book is from God?** The Bible!

**The Bible is God's Word and that is where we read that we need to go to church services every Sunday and give money to help the church people. The Bible is God's special book that He made for each and every one of us. And, we are to obey the Bible. That includes going to church services and giving! Let's think about how we can give, listen, pray, and sing today in worship while we eat our snacks! Enjoy!"**

Talk about how we obey the Bible – by going to church services on Sunday, listening to our moms and dads, praying, giving, singing, listening, and reading the Bible. After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

**12) Sing 5-10 minutes**

Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Fall Quarter Songs provided.

**13) Close in prayer**

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God's Word the Bible and we need to obey God.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Then Pray: **Dear God, thank you for listening when we talk to You. Help us to remember to say thank you for all the things You give us every day. Thank God for everyone here today and for those that couldn't be. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**14) Remind students**

To take home their creations. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.