



Sign of the Cross.

During this month we remember the people who have died. Think of someone you know who has died. (See p. 133)



quietly by yourselves

Do you share things at your parties?

What?

Who shares with you?

What?



when each child has had time to think

Share experiences and ask the children –

What do you *hate* sharing with others? Why?

Is it easy to give away one sweet when you have ten or is it easier to give away your last sweet?



Today we have a story about a woman who was brilliant at sharing.

welcome the Gospel. Sing Alleluia. (See p. 220)



all stand (adapted from Mark 12:38–44)

One day Jesus went into the temple
and while he was there,
he saw all the people putting their money into the offerings box.

Some of the rich people put in a lot of money
but then a poor old woman came along
and put in two little coins worth a penny.

Jesus saw this happen
and he said to his friends,
“That woman has put in more money than all the rest,
for they put in the money they had to spare,
but she has just put in **everything** she has.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.



all sit (some suggestions)

What do you think about that?

What would you say if you were there?

Where is your offerings box in Church?

Would you like to put something in next week?

Sometimes we are ashamed if we only have a little bit to give.

We shouldn't be, every bit helps (remember the boy with the packed lunch?).

TRUST JESUS

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of rich and poor people.
- > Pictures of people giving and receiving gifts, using their skills to cook, paint, etc.
- > Coin shape cut-outs.
- > A collecting box.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL.

A reading from the Good News given to us by Mark.
Glory to you, Lord.

Saying:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia!

Jesus was sitting down opposite the collecting box in the Temple, and he watched the people putting their offering in the box. Some of the people who were rich put a great deal of money into the box. Then along came a poor widow. She put two small coins in the box. They

SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about gifts they have given and received.

Why do we give gifts?
- to show love, care.

What kinds of gifts are there, apart from presents?
- gifts of time, patience, helping at home, listening at school.

Do we always thank those who give us gifts?
- friends for playing with us; teachers, dinner-ladies, etc?

Do we thank God enough for giving us everything,
but especially for giving us Jesus?

were the smallest of all coins, worth less than a penny.
Jesus saw what she put in and said to his friends,

'This poor woman has put more into the box than anyone else. Others gave from what they had to spare; but she put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

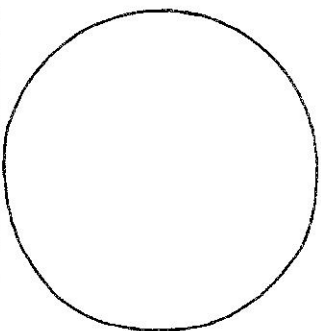
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ACTIVITIES

Give out the cut-out shapes.

On them have the children write or draw about a 'gift' they will offer someone in the week ahead, e.g. a letter, or a visit to a lonely person.

Collect the 'coins' into the collection box.



DISCUSSION

Where was Jesus?
What was he watching?

What really counts with gifts?
- the love that they stand for.

Which gift did Jesus say was worth most? Why?

Encourage the children to offer examples of gifts they can give at home, at church, etc.

Is it only rich people who can give gifts, only grown ups?