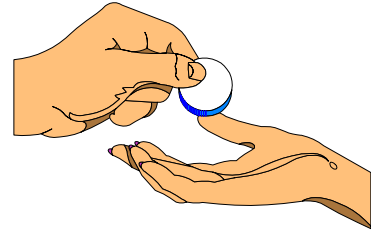


The Widow's Offering

A PUPPET SKETCH



CHARACTERS: Josh
Miriam
Jesus (not seen)

SETTING: The puppets are watching people give their offerings in the Temple.

SOUND EFFECTS: Prepare two metal pans or pails. Have a lot of coins and two pennies. As the puppets talk about the offerings, drop the coins in the pan. When the puppets talk about the widow's offering, drop the two pennies loudly in a pan one at a time.

JOSH: Hi, Miriam, what are you doing?

MIRIAM: Just sitting here, watching all the people give their offerings. It's fun to watch how much some people give.

JOSH: Yeah, look at that guy. He looks rich. He will probably give a lot.

(Sound effect: A lot of coins dropping in metal pan.)

MIRIAM: Wow! That was a lot. Oh, here comes another rich guy. *(Sound effect.)*

JOSH: That was a lot. Hey, what's that widow doing up there?

MIRIAM: I don't know. She doesn't look very rich. I don't see how she can have much to give.

(Sound effect of two coins dropping in metal pan.)

JOSH: That wasn't very much.

MIRIAM: I know. That's embarrassing. I don't think I would come if I couldn't give very much.

JOSH: Hey, wait a minute. Jesus is saying something about that woman's gift.

JESUS (from offstage): Look at that poor widow. She put more in the offering than all the others. Everyone else gave what

they didn't need. But she is very poor and gave everything she had. She put in everything she had to live on.

MIRIAM: You know, I never thought about it like that. I guess the woman was giving everything she had.

JOSH: That's right and that means she was really giving more than all the rich people.

MIRIAM: And more than us.

JOSH: What?

MIRIAM: Just look at us. We've been sitting here watching everyone and making fun of people who don't give very much. We haven't given anything.

JOSH: That's true. Hey, I'll be back.

MIRIAM: Where are you going?

JOSH: I'm going to get my offering.

MIRIAM: Wait. I'm going to get an offering too!
(Puppets exit.)

Underlined words are from Mark 12:41-44, CEV.

Gifts From God Word Search



The following words are things God has given us. Everything we have comes from God. Find and circle these words in the puzzle above. The word, *flowers*, has already been circled.

CHURCH
CLOUDS
DAD
FLOWERS
FOOD
FRIENDS
HOME
MOM
PETS
RAIN
SKY
SUN
TEACHERS

“The earth is the
LORD’s and
everything in it,
the world and all
who live in it”

(Psalm 24:1).