



# GROUP ACTIVITY

## Jesus and the Poor Widow

**BIG IDEA:** God is the giver of all good things and He calls us to give BIG with a cheerful heart.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Mark 12:41-44

**KEY VERSE:** "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give...God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7 (NirV)

### Cheerful Giver

**Supplies:** Poster board or butcher block paper, markers (1 per person)

**Say:** In our story for today, the poor widow gave BIG with a cheerful heart. She gave away her two copper coins even though that was everything she had. We're going to play a game that will help us think of some ways that we can give BIG with a cheerful heart just like the poor widow did. Read the verse together:

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**Directions:** Place a piece of butcher block paper or a poster board in the middle of the circle. In big letters, use a marker to write the words "**CHEERFUL GIVER**" in the middle of the paper. Tell the kids to write down different things they could give, but those things need to begin with one of the letters in the words "**CHEERFUL GIVER.**" They can draw a picture or write the words. For younger kids, they can draw pictures of anything they would like to give.

If kids need some help, start with giving some category ideas for each of the letters. (Example: clothing, chore-helper, hug, high-five, earrings, goofy-smile, games)

**Question:** Why is it sometimes hard to give BIG with a cheerful heart?

**Question:** Tell us about a time that someone gave BIG to you. What was that like?

Say a prayer and thank God for giving us everything we need and to help us remember to give with cheerful hearts.



# HOME GUIDE

Lesson 8.2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## DRAW IT!

Draw pictures of different ways you can be generous to others.



## JOURNAL IT!

Make a list of all the good things God has given to you. Tell God how thankful you are for those things.

# THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

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## READ IT!

Mark 12:41-44. Draw a picture of the story or write to God your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.



## PRAY IT!

Write a prayer to God. Ask Him to help you give BIG with a cheerful heart.

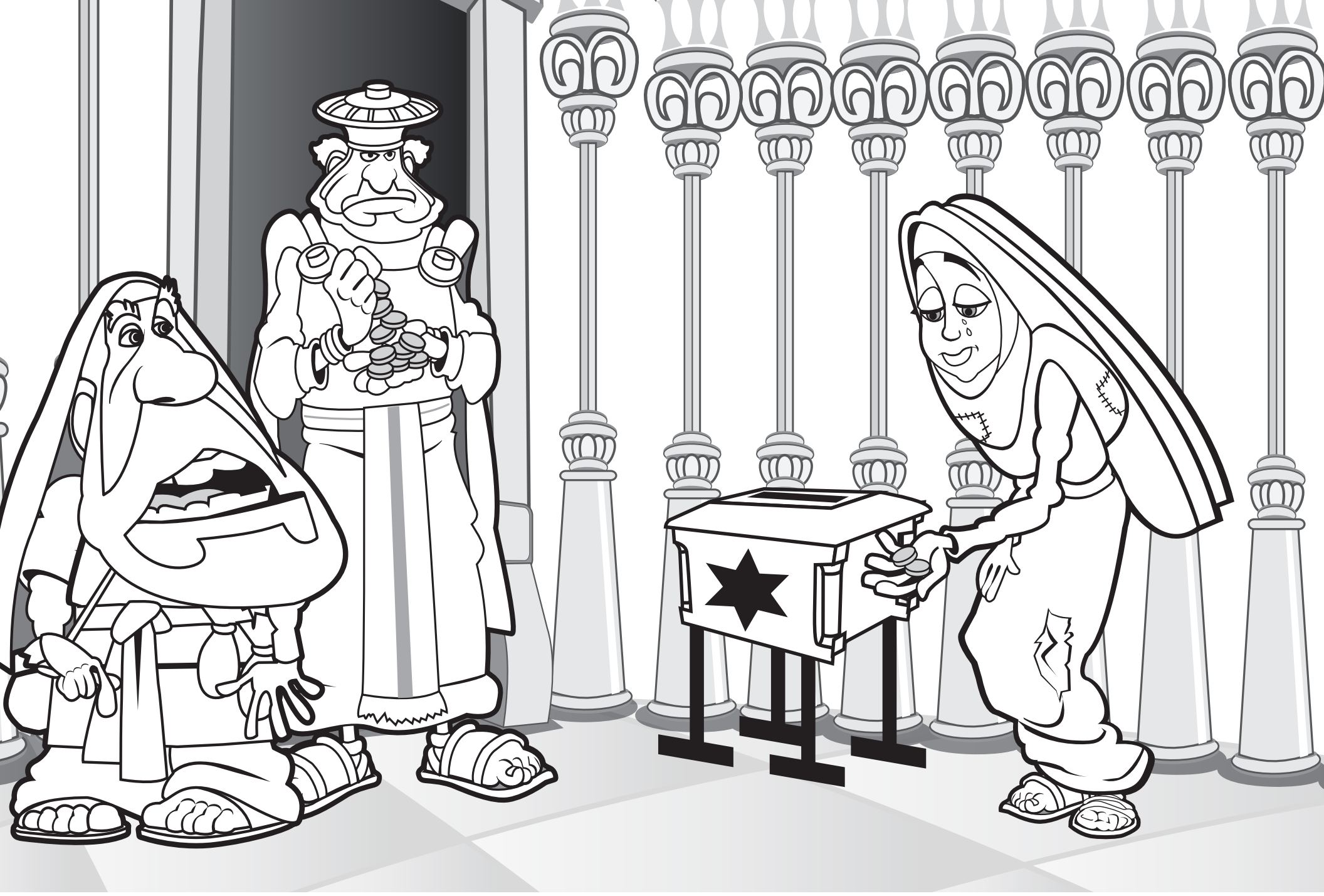
# NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

## *Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet*

BIG IDEA: Jesus served others and wants us to do the same.

BIBLE BASIS: John 13:1-17

KEY VERSE: "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NIV)



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