SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: PROPER 20C

Please refer to Guidelines for Children's Addresses in Worship document produced by the LCA Department of Liturgics and Grow Ministries - download guidelines <u>here</u>.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Setting your heart on God.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

You cannot be the slave of two masters. You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than to the other. You cannot serve God and money. (Luke 16:13)

AIDS

Have the church offering bowls or bags that you use to collect the Sunday morning offering. Have the church treasurer available if possible.

ADDRESS

Our Bible reading today says that we cannot serve God <u>and</u> money. Why do we need money?

e.g. buy food, pay for cars and houses, buy things for school

Money is a good gift from God. How do you think God wants us to use it? e.g. buying things we need, helping others

Who knows what these are? (hold up the offering bowls) e.g. collecting money

Who knows why we collect an offering during church?

I have someone here who is going to tell us where that money goes and how our church uses it the way we think God wants us to use it.

Have the treasurer share a few ways the offering money is used for God's ministry.

PRAYER

Father God, you provide us with the things we need to live, including money. Help us use our money to help people who don't have the things they need to live each day. Help us to be generous and share with them in your name to show them your love. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home, Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

