

# SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 27B

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## CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

### MAIN POINT

**What is our offering to God?**

### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

**Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.' Mark 12:43-44**

### AIDS

Some coins and paper money

### ADDRESS

*Show the money.*

**Who does this money belong to?** *Discuss briefly if it is yours or someone else's.*

**Most of the time we think about money as our money. You might get an allowance at home or maybe someone gives you some money in a birthday card or at Christmas. When you grow up you might have a job that will pay you money. It is easy for us to think that the money is ours because someone gave it to us or we earned it by working. When we think that the money belongs to us then we often worry about whether we will have enough, or we think of things we would like to spend it on for ourselves.**

**But God wants us to think differently. God wants us to remember that he gives us the money. Whether it comes to us as a gift or through the opportunity to earn it in our jobs. He wants us to use the money that he gives to us in a way that is loving and caring for others, not just for ourselves.**

**In our Bible reading, we hear how the woman put a little over one cent into the offering and yet Jesus said it was more than anyone else had given. He said this because what was important was that she gave it out of love for God. What are some ways we can use our money to show our love for God?**

### PRAYER

**Dear God, help us to be generous. Help us to trust that you will provide what we need. Help us to use our gifts to help others. Amen.**

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

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