

Story 4 : The Widow's Offering

Main Bible verse
[Mark 12:43]

Jesus asked his disciples to come to him. He said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. That poor widow has put more into the offering box than all the others."

One day, Jesus and his disciples visited the temple.

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Among the crowd was one rich man who proudly came forward.

The rich man opened his money pouch and took out his money for all to see.

Then he put some of his money into the temple treasury.

After the rich man passed, a poor widow dressed in ragged old clothes came to the front of the temple treasury. Although there were a lot of people, no one paid any attention to her. The widow placed her two very small copper coins into the temple treasury.

Her offering was worth only 20~30 cents, very little indeed. When the people heard the coins clink in the temple treasury, they laughed at the poor widow. Someone was watching all of this quietly.

Yes, it was Jesus. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said: "This poor widow has put more into the treasury than the rich man." The disciples asked. "What do you mean Jesus?"

The rich man gave a large offering to God while the widow only gave two small copper coins."

Jesus answered, "The rich man gave out of his wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on." God does not look at our outward appearances. He doesn't even look at how much offering we give.

God is interested in how much and how sincerely we love Him.

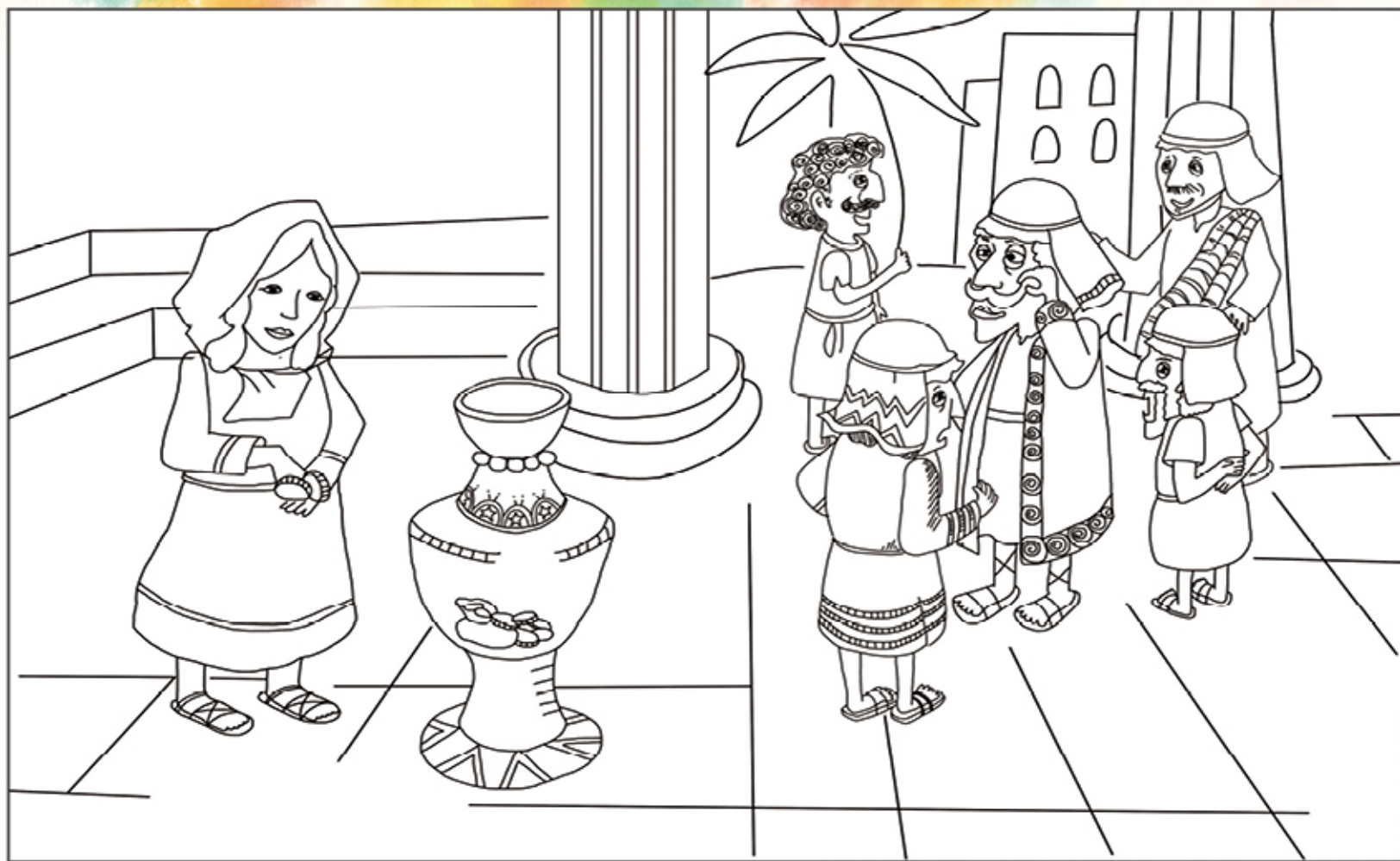
- Trace and memorize the Bible verse. (Mark 12:43)

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Activity 1.

Think about what we learned today and color the picture below.



Activity 2.

The poor widow prepared the offering with all her heart.
What kind of offering can friends give to God?
Draw your offering inside the offering basket.

