

City LG—May 29th-31st, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Gotta Live (Widow's Mite) • *Mark 12:41-44*

Today's Bottom Line: Practice living for God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises to help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

Pre-Service Activity: Duck Race Video (VIDEO on Computer)

Supplies Needed: Blue, Yellow, Pink Sticky Notes

Give each kid a sticky note. That is the Duck they will cheer for. Encourage the Kids to Cheer on their Duck throughout the video.

NOTE: Begin this Activity 5 minutes before your Start Time.

WORSHIP: Undeclared and Give My All

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Superhero Cards and Large Posters

CG: *Superhero Images FRONT and BACK*

Hey Parkview Kids! All this Month, we are celebrating some of our Missions Partners here at Parkview that show their commitment and love for Jesus by sharing the Good News of Jesus all over the world. Let's meet our Superheroes we'll feature today!

(Read the Cards BACK and let the Kids know that they will be getting their Superhero Cards today)

At the end of our talk today, we'll also have a Superhero Race! Stay tuned! Let's get started!

"Hello, friends! We've had a great month learning how we can show commitment—not only in a race, but also in our relationship with God. There are some important things we can practice that will help us get to know God better—like reading the Bible, praying to God, and talking about what we believe. If we can do those things regularly, they'll change the way we live every day!

"One time, Jesus noticed a woman doing something very special. She really knew what it meant to live her life God's way. We can find her story in the book of Mark, chapter 12. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"This happened when Jesus had come to the city of Jerusalem, not long before He would be arrested and give up His life on the cross. Lots of people were excited to see Jesus, but the religious leaders were not. They didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God. So they asked Him some tough questions to try to trick Him. Of course, Jesus knew that the religious leaders were only trying to make THEMSELVES look good in front of others."

"Jesus sat down near the temple, where people gave their money as an offering to God. He watched as many people came and put their offerings in the offering boxes. There were lots of rich people who could afford to give quite a bit. That leads up to the story we'll explore today. Let's take a look!"

CG: *Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)*

"Jesus could see that the widow had given her two coins as a way to LIVE for God. She wasn't worried about herself. She wasn't worried about the way other people saw her. She trusted God and believed that He would

take care of her.

“Jesus was so impressed by the widow’s gift that He made a point to tell His disciples what she had done. He wanted them to see what it looks like for us to live for God with everything we’ve got. And you and I can do that, too! We can LIVE for God in everything we do.

“That’s the very last part of our training plan.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Practice living for God.

“Let’s talk to God and ask Him to help us do that.”

PRAY: “God, You are so good to us! You provide what we need. You are worthy of all we have to give. Thank You for this story that shows us how we can live for You with our whole hearts. We don’t want to just SAY that You’re important in our life. We want to LIVE for You each day. Help us have the commitment to trust You and follow You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow! Jesus saw the small gift the widow gave as her offering. But He didn’t see it as small. He saw how big it was, because it showed how much the widow trusted God!

“If you think about it, the widow’s offering was actually a way for her to worship God. After all, worshipping God is about more than just singing songs. It’s about LIVING life in a way that honors God. We can show God how much we love Him with the choices we make . . . the way we treat other people . . . and the way we live our lives each day.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Practice living for God.

“If you ever wonder what it looks like to live for God, look at the way Jesus lived. Look at the way Jesus treated people—with love and compassion. Look at the way Jesus went to the cross for us, so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever. Jesus saw things that were wrong, and He made them right. He can help US do that, too. We can LIVE for God every day when we put what we believe into action.

“Did you know that you have lots of chances to live for God, every single day? It’s true! Before you do something, first stop and ask yourself if it will honor God. Does it honor God to play that certain video game even though your parents told you not to? Does it honor God if you’re mean to your friend because they said something unkind to you? We can honor God and live for Him when we choose to love the people around us. Right now, you’ve got a chance to talk about that with your friends in Small Group. How can YOU **[Bottom Line] practice living for God?** Before we head there, however, it’s time for our FINAL Superhero Race! If you brought an offering you can bring it up at any time. Here we GO!”

It’s time for the FINAL Week of our Superhero Races. This week’s race is a TRIPLE THREAT and it pits Dermot from Ireland vs. Mary from Kenya and Kyle from China! Who do you think will win? Let’s find out!

CG: Superhero Race 5

NOTE: Be sure to hand out this week’s trading cards to your kids at a time that seems appropriate to you.

CG: Summer Palooza SLIDE

One FINAL Announcement Parkview Kids! Coming up real soon is an exciting event we're pumped to bring back....Summerpalooza! There will be games, prizes, competitions, and more! Be sure to invite your friends. Next Weekend!

Dismiss to Small Groups