

Children's Sermon for World Renew Gift Catalog

Time: 10-15 minutes

Materials: Gift catalogs, squishy cow toys (order online at worldrenewgifts.net)

Step 1 - Introduction: (2-3 min) Pass out squishy cow toys. Ask the kids, "What are some of the reasons that people have cows?" Tell them that in Bangladesh, cows are raised to provide milk to drink or to sell for extra income. With the World Renew gift catalog, kids and families have to opportunity to give a real cow to families who live in Bangladesh. One cow can also give birth to new cows, and those cows can then be shared with other families.

Step 2 - Bible Story: (1-2 min) Read Mark 12: 41-44

The Widow's Offering

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Step 3 - Discussion Questions: (5-7 min) Reflect on this story.

- How much did the widow give?
- Why was Jesus so happy with the widow's gift?
- What is something important that another person gave or shared with you?
- What does Jesus say about giving?
- Is it important to do our best to give even if it is just a little bit or does it only count if it is a huge amount?

Step 4 - Conclusion: (1-2 min) Jesus loves us no matter what. We can have fun sharing and giving because we know Jesus loves us already. Jesus wants us to give to others because it honors him and he already gave so much to us. Whether we give a cow, an entire house, or two pennies, Jesus loves us. When we give the best we can, it is a sign that we love him, too.