

“Tipping Point” - LESSON 2

“Give”

Main Focus:

When we give to Missions, God uses it to change the world!!



Power Verse:

“...For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”
- 2 Corinthians 9:7



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Give To Missions Faithfully!”

LEADER'S INFO

Money is something kids see and use almost every day, but many don't realize how powerful it can be when placed in God's hands. Some kids think their offering is “too small” to make a difference, while others may feel like giving isn't really that important. But the truth is, God doesn't just see the size of the gift - He sees the heart behind it.

In this lesson, children will learn from the story of the widow's offering that God is not impressed with the amount we give, but with the attitude we give it with. They will learn that giving is not about competing with others or seeing who can put the biggest bill in the bucket. It's about faith, obedience, and trusting God with what we have.

Just like the weights on a tipping scale, you never know when your gift might be the one that helps a missionary reach one more person for Jesus.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“How Much Should I Give?”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Terry Yaki teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Penny Worth”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Bucket Heads”



Bible Story

“The Widow's Offering”



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Call To Action

“PRAY”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 2 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 2 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Lesson 2 - Whatchagaddaknow Teaching” Video
- “Lesson 2 - Whatchagaddaknow Trigger” Video

Character Skit

- “Penny Worth” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Bucket Heads” Graphic

Bible Story

- “Lesson 2 - Bible Story” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 2 - Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Lesson 2 - Call To Action” Graphics
- One Offering Container Filled With Cash
- One Offering Container With A Few Coins
- A Large Bag Of Chips
- One Cookie
- An Old-School Tipping Weight Scale

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bibles
- Plenty Of Coins
- Plastic Cups
- Timer Or Stopwatch
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 Print Piece
- Pencils, Markers, Or Crayons

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Welcome back to our series, “The Tipping Point.” Remember, we are learning that every single thing we do for God matters. Just like weights on a tipping scale, you never know when something you do might be the tipping point where something amazing happens!

Last time, we talked about the power of prayer. Today, we’re going to look at another way we can make a difference in the world. It’s the word “GIVE.” Now, when you hear the word “give,” you might think, “But I don’t have very much money at all.” Well, that’s why it is important to remember that God isn’t looking at how *much* you give. He’s looking at the attitude of your heart when you give.

Before I say anything else, I want you to check out this amazing video!

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 2”)

Leader: Wow! God really does see our giving - even if it looks small to other people (or to us). The important thing is that we must always have an attitude of joy and cheerfulness when we give. God can use any amount, big or small. And - you never know when your gift may be “the tipping point” to make something incredible happen!

We’ll discover all that in today’s lesson. But first, let’s check in to find out “Whatchagaddaknow!”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Penny Worth” *(A lively, optimistic, and quirky character whose personality revolves around the idea that little things make a big difference. She’s the personification of the phrase “small but mighty” and loves collecting small items.)*

Penny: *(Enters excitedly)* Hiya, friends! I’m back again to tell you some fun facts about the little things we usually don’t pay attention to!

Leader: Welcome back, Penny! What do you have for us today? Anything cool in your backpack?

Penny: *(Nodding)* Of course! *(Pulls out a paper clip)* I have another paper clip! Now, you may be thinking, “Penny, we did this last time,” but that is where you’re wrong! This time, I am not talking about one paper clip, or even 5,000 paper clips! Today, I want to tell you about one million paper clips!

Leader: *(Curiously)* Hmm, okay. How much does one million paper clips weigh? I mean, they are so small, even one million of them can’t really weigh that much. Right?

Penny: Well, let me tell you! One paper clip weighs about 1.2 grams. Pretty small right? But if you multiply that by one million... you get one million two hundred thousand grams!

Leader: That sounds like a lot, but grams still makes it sound pretty small. How many pounds is that?

Penny: 2,645 pounds! 1.3 tons! That’s more than a baby elephant!

Leader: Are you serious? WOW! Those little things really do add up!

Penny: I know! And if you gave me more paper clips, it would weigh even more! Eventually, it would weigh as much as an adult elephant!

Leader: That’s really heavy! I do want to talk about what you said, though!

Penny: What? Elephants? Paper clips? An elephant made of paper clips? I bet I could make one!

Leader: No, not any of that. You said if I gave you more paper clips, your stack of them would weigh more. Today, we’re talking about how our giving adds up! Not really with paper clips, but our money!

Penny: Ohhhh! Like how we talked about how 100 pennies can make a dollar! Then 200 pennies would make two dollars...

Leader: Right! Your giving can make a big difference for missionaries!

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Penny: Do missionaries need money? I thought they needed our prayers.

Leader: They need both!

Penny: I don't have that much to give, though. I only have... *(digs through her backpack and pulls out a few things)* a quarter, a dime, and... more paper clips!

Leader: That's okay! See, it's not about how much we give. Even if you only have a penny, you can make a difference because when we all give, it adds up!

Penny: Wow! So, even if I only have a little, it could still be the tipping point for someone to learn about Jesus?

Leader: *(Smiling)* Yes! You don't have to be a millionaire to give and help Missionaries. You just have to be generous!

Penny: I want to be generous, especially if it means other people get to learn about Jesus and how much He loves them!

Leader: Exactly! We can all give something to help missionaries. If you get money from chores, your birthday, Christmas, or even if you find some coins under your couch cushions, you can give!

Penny: *(Excitedly)* I'm going to check my couch right now! I'm Penny Worth. Never forget that the little things stack up! See ya!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Bucket Heads”

Items Needed For Game:

Two boys and two girls; Six tennis balls; Two small buckets; A stopwatch

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Preparation:

Choose two boys and two girls to compete in this game.

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How To Play:

Choose one person from each team to be the “thrower” and one person from each team to be the “bucket head.” The “bucket heads” each hold the bucket on top of their head. They are allowed to bend and sway, but their feet must remain planted on the ground. The “throwers” stand approximately eight to ten feet away from the “bucket heads.”

When you say, “Go,” the stopwatch should start. The contestants will have one minute to try to get all three team balls in the bucket. If a ball misses the bucket, the “thrower” can run to retrieve it, but they must return to the “throwing line” before attempting to throw it in the bucket again. Once a ball lands in the bucket, it should remain there until the end of the game.

The first team to get all three balls in their bucket OR the team that has the MOST balls in their bucket at the end of one minute is declared the winning team!



Bible Story

“The Widow’s Offering”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Mark 12:41-44; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Mark chapter 12. It’s a story about someone who chose to GIVE and made a huge impact on the Kingdom of God.



(*show pic*) Jesus and the disciples were at the temple one day. As Jesus often did, He was teaching the disciples by observing the behavior of others. (*show pic*) There were all kinds of people at the temple that day. When it came time to give in the offering, there were many very rich people who gave big wads of money. They were rich and had lots of money to spare, so they made a big show out of how much they were giving. They were trying to show off.



After the rich people were done giving, Jesus noticed someone else coming to the offering box. (*show pic*) It was an old widow woman. Her husband had died, and she had hardly any money. In fact, she only had two small coins with her at the time. Jesus and the disciples watched as this widow gave everything she had to the temple to help God’s work go forward.



(*show pic*) Jesus spoke to the disciples, “Did you see what just happened? This woman gave more than any of the others!” The disciples were a little confused. They said, “Jesus, how could this be? These other rich people gave a whole lot of money in the offering. This widow only gave a couple of coins. How can you say she gave more than the rest of them?”

(*show pic*) Jesus turned to them and answered, “They gave a little bit out of the abundance of their wealth, but she gave everything she had.” Jesus was pointing out to the disciples that God is not impressed with the AMOUNT you give. He is VERY impressed when you have a cheerful attitude and choose to give - no matter the amount. This widow may not have given the most money out of everyone there that day...but she gave everything she had.

In today’s lesson, you will learn all about the importance of having the right attitude when we give. God does not want us to be selfish. He also doesn’t want us to think that our “little ol’ offering” can’t make a huge difference. We never know when our gift might become “the tipping point” that causes something incredible to happen.



Call To Action

“GIVE”

Materials Needed:

The “Lesson 2 - Call To Action” graphics; one offering container filled with lots of cash; one offering bucket with only a few coins in it; a large bag of chips; one cookie; an old-school tipping weight scale

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Lesson 2 - Call To Action - Title”; label one side of the scale “Problem” and the other side “Prayer”

The Message: *(title slide)*



Have you ever had a time when you felt like what you had wasn’t enough to make a difference? Maybe you brought cookies to a party and thought, “There’s no way this little plate will feed everybody.” Or maybe you only had a couple of coins in your pocket and thought, “This isn’t enough to buy anything.” We’ve all had moments where we felt like what we had was too small to matter.

But here’s the thing...God doesn’t think like we do. Especially when it comes to how we GIVE. To Him, no gift is too small. He sees every single thing you give, and He knows how important it really is. Even the tiniest gift, when given with the right heart, is valuable to Him.

That’s why today’s lesson is so important. We’re going to learn three big truths about giving. The first lesson is...

God Sees What I Give *(slide)*



Sometimes people think, “My gift doesn’t matter. God doesn’t really notice.” But the Bible shows us something different. Remember in our Bible Story how lots of rich people put in huge amounts of money. But then, a poor widow walked up and dropped in just two tiny coins. Hardly anything, right? But Jesus noticed. He stopped everything and said, “This woman has given more than anyone else!” Jesus saw what she gave...and He was very pleased.

Anytime you think that what you give doesn’t matter, you need to remember that God sees what you give - no matter how small - and He cares. When you give, God notices.

(Bring out two offering containers: one with a lot of cash money, and one with just a few coins. Hold them up for the kids to compare.) I want you to check out these two offerings. One person is giving lots of cash. This other person is giving just a few coins. Now, which offering is more impressive? Which one do you think God is most impressed by? *(allow response)* If we were just looking with our eyes, we’d say, “Wow! That big amount of money is a lot more important than just a few coins.” But God sees it a different way. God says...

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Call To Action (Continued)

It's Not About The Amount (slide)



Let me demonstrate it this way. *(choose a volunteer to come up and stand beside you as you hold up the bag of chips)* I have a bag of chips. Would you like some? *(allow response from volunteer)* OK, wonderful. I am going to GIVE you some. *(take three chips from the bag and place it in their hand)* There you go. You may have a seat. *(choose another volunteer to come up; hold the cookie up in the air)* I have only one cookie, but I am going to GIVE some to my friend, here. *(break the cookie in half, then give the larger half to the volunteer)*

Now, the three chips is technically MORE than the half a cookie, right? But, did you notice something? I only gave a small fraction of the chips I had available. But the next time I have half of what I had. One amount might seem bigger, but the heart behind the “smaller gift” was much more evident, right? It wasn't about how big the gift. It was about the heart behind it.

That's the way God sees giving. He's not impressed with the biggest bills or the loudest coins hitting the bucket. He looks deeper. A kid who gives two quarters with a happy, willing heart is better than someone who drops in a hundred dollars without really caring or thinking about it that much. It's not about the amount, it's about the love and faith behind it.

Now, I want to show you something awesome! The third lesson we learn about how we GIVE is...

My Gift Might Be The Tipping Point (slide)



When we give to missions with a heart that is full of joy and cheer, God does something amazing with our gift. It doesn't matter if we only have a couple of coins to give. Every gift matters! You never know when your gift might be the one that is... *(place the two coins on the side one one side of the scale)*... “The Tipping Point!” *(suddenly the scale tilts to one side, giving a strong visual for the difference every gift can make)*

Kids, never believe the lie that your giving is too small to matter. God sees your gift, He values your gift, and He may use YOUR gift to be the tipping point that allows a missionary to reach one more person for Jesus!

ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Consider planning to take up an offering for Missions next week. The ending of this lesson would be a great time to lead the children in praying about what God wants them to give in that offering. Pray that God will use every gift - big or small - to be “The Tipping Point” to make a huge difference in the lives of people all around the world.

**REWIND!****Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “I Will Give To Missions Faithfully!”

2. Where were Jesus and the disciples in our Bible Story?

Answer: At The Temple

3. What did Jesus think about the rich people giving lots of money?

Answer: He Was Not Impressed

4. How much did the widow give in the offering?

Answer: Two Coins

5. True or False: The woman gave everything she had.

Answer: True

6. According to our lesson today, “God _____ What I Give.”

Answer: Sees

7. According to our lesson today, “It’s Not About The _____.”

Answer: Amount

8. According to our lesson today, “My Gift Might Be The _____.”

Answer: Tipping Point

9. True or False: The bigger your gift, the more God loves you.

Answer: False

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: 2 Corinthians 9:7