

# Luke 21:1-6

## Toward the Cross (Part 3)

**Scripture:** Luke 21:1-6

**Memory Verse:** Luke 21:3 *“Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all”*

**Lesson Focus:** This is the last weekend before all of the kids are promoted to the next grade. We will have a short lesson looking at sacrificial giving before we close out the year with a fun large group game \* in the Summit Room. \*

**Activities and Crafts:** Widow’s Mite Hidden Item Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Craft for ALL: Appreciation Activity \*

**Starter Activity:** Who Was More Giving?

We will keep all of the kids in the Summit Room immediately after worship and will remain there for the main teaching and a large group activity that we will play with all of the kids. We will reserve 15-20 minutes of time for you in the class afterwards for you to celebrate your last weekend with your kids (though let us know beforehand if you would prefer to keep the kids in your class with you for the whole lesson time after worship).

With all of the kids in the Summit Room we will introduce our lesson with a couple of volunteers to assist us with a simple activity. We will give two volunteers some candy. One will have a bunch and the other will have only two pieces. \* Then we will have another volunteer come up asking for some to share. The one with a lot will share only two pieces while the other with only the two pieces will share one piece. Then we will ask everyone:

Q: Who gave more?

A: Yes, it is true that the kid who gave two pieces gave more than the kid who gave one, but let’s ask the question a different way.

Q: Who **was more giving**?

A: The one who only had two pieces, right? By giving one they gave half of what they owned, where the other only shared a pittance of what they had!

Jesus continues to draw closer and closer to the cross where He will die for our sins and then rise again. After soundly withstanding the challenges of the religious leaders, as we saw the last two weeks, today we are going to see Jesus turn the tables and challenge them and all of us with a lesson on giving. Let’s take a look together!

### Bible Study:

**Luke 21:1:** Despite the foiled attacks of the religious leaders, Jesus is still in the main temple area which was the center of all religious activity back in the day.

Q: What did it say that He saw? A: The rich putting their gifts into the offering box! \*

We have offering boxes here in RMC kids ministry as well. \*

Q: What do our offering boxes go toward? A: Providing food, clothing, and teaching about Jesus to poor kids in Uganda and Mexico! \* You can always give there!

**Luke 21:2:** Now a poor widow comes and puts in two mites which are like two pennies.

Q: What is a widow? A: A woman whose husband has died. Back in Jesus's day, women were much more vulnerable, especially if their husbands had passed away. \* And this one is described as very poor, yet even she is still faithfully giving!

**Luke 21:3:** Now Jesus says something radical! Wait a minute, this widow only put in two pennies!

Q: How could Jesus say that she put in more than all of the rich people? A: Let's keep reading to see what Jesus says.

**Luke 21:4:** The rich gave out of their abundance, or their extra, while she gave all that she had to live on! She had nothing left!

Q: Which one gave sacrificially? A: The widow! The rich may have put in more, but since it was from their abundance, it didn't cost them anything. \*

This reminds me of what Jesus is on His way to the cross to do: give His all as a sacrifice for us! \* It cost Jesus everything to save you! That's how much He loves you! And if you believe and trust in Him, He expects you to follow His example of giving sacrificially! Find ways to give sacrificially of your time, your talents, and your treasure.

Boys and Girls: Have a look at your leaders. Guess what they have been doing with you this last year: sacrificially giving of their time to be with you! They do it because, like Jesus, they love you! This is your last weekend with them! Appreciate them today! \*

Teachers: At this point we will use the next two verses to transition into our group game.

**Luke 21:5:** Back in Jesus's day, the offerings given went toward the building and maintenance of the temple. Some people were talking about how beautiful it was, but then look at what Jesus says!

**Luke 21:6:** Jesus prophesies that the temple will be destroyed and the rest of the chapter goes into much more detail on that. The amazing thing is 40 years after Jesus's death and resurrection the temple actually was destroyed just as He said and it hasn't been rebuilt in 2000 years!

And with that said, let's wrap up our year with some "Hula-Hut Throwdown"!

# BRING IT HOME

Read Luke 21:1-4  
How could Jesus say  
the poor widow put in  
more?

Parent Signature:  
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Parent Challenge:  
When did Jesus's  
prophecy in Luke 21:6  
come true?

Read 2 Cor. 9:6-7  
How would God have us  
give?

