

Use this guide to help your family learn how  
God can help us live with commitment.

First, watch  
this week's  
video!

**Commitment:**  
Making a plan  
and putting it  
into practice

### Memory Verse

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

### Bible Story

Widow's Mite  
Mark 12:41-44

### Key Question

How can you  
live for God?

## Activity

### Coin Hands

#### What You Need:

Masking tape, two bowls full of coins,  
two empty bowls

#### What You Do:

Set up the bowls of coins side by side.  
Then, place one empty bowl on either side  
of the bowls with coins in them.

Say, "I'm going to tape your fingers  
together on one hand. Then, I'm going to  
tape mine. We're going to race to see who  
can move the most coins into each of our  
empty bowls. You can't use your other  
hand or use your fingers normally. All  
you can do is stick your hand in the bowl  
of coins and then shake the coins off the  
tape into your empty bowl. Ready?"

Tape one of your child's hands, wrapping  
the tape all the way around their four  
knuckles, sticky side out. (Make sure the  
tape isn't too tight, but that it stays on  
their hand firmly.) Then, tape your own  
knuckles together.

Set a timer for one minute and play. Using  
the tape, try to stick as many coins as you  
can from your bowl, then move them to  
the empty bowl by shaking them free. (You  
can use your thumb on the taped-up hand  
to knock the coins loose, but you can't use  
any other fingers.)

When time is up, count to see who moved  
the most money to their empty bowl and  
declare a winner!

## Talk About the Bible Story

In our story today, we heard about a woman who  
also had some coins. How many did she have and  
how many did she give? (*Two and two*)

According to Jesus, did the widow give more or less  
than all the rich people? (*She gave more because  
she gave all she had.*)

Did the widow give her coins so that people would  
see what she did, or did she do it because she was  
living for God? (*because she was living for God*)

Finish the following sentences:

Living for God is easiest when . . .

Living for God is hardest when . . .

Is there a difference between KNOWING God and  
LIVING for God? Explain.

*Parent: talk about different ways you can practice  
living for God as a family.*

## Prayer

**Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about  
the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:**

"Dear God, we know You gave us Your Word to  
help us learn how to follow You. Help us commit  
to practicing what we've discovered today about  
how to live for You. Remind us this week to make  
choices that honor You. We need Your help to stay  
focused on Your way as we run the race of life.  
Remind us also that we can show Your love to the  
world in the way we act, talk, and trust You. In Jesus'  
name, amen."