

## REFLECTION IDEAS – BEING GENEROUS

Luke chapter 24 verses 1 to 4; Mark chapter 12 verses 41 to 44

Being generous to others, being happy to give time, money, food, kindness, a smile to others, can help shape our lives in a really positive way. As well as generosity being good for others, it can be good for our own well-being. Jesus encourages us to give generously, however small our resources may be.

The Bible passage in this video is a story that Jesus used to illustrate that, however small, the things that we give to others, material or otherwise, are important. Christians believe that the Bible also teaches that if we give generously we too will be blessed.

### Reflection

- How do you feel when you are kind and generous to others? Can you think of a time when someone has been kind and generous to you?
- In what ways can you be generous to other people?
- St Francis of Assisi said '*It is in giving that we receive*'. What does this mean?

### Links

A short version of the bible story can be found here: <https://youtu.be/3IC-E6dLvMs>. Please check if this is suitable for your group.

### 40 Acts

'40 Acts' is a challenge from the Christian charity Stewardship which encourages people to do 40 generous acts during Lent (the time in the Christian calendar leading up to Easter). There are lots of ideas about generosity for schools to use here: <https://40acts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/40acts-Schools-Challenge-card-2019.pdf>. Perhaps you could make a class 'giving tree' of these, or similar, challenges – there are lots of ideas on the internet of how this might look.

### Inspire Prayer Space Activity – generous hands

#### Description

In the Bible, there are many examples of people being generous - The boy who gave his whole lunch that ended up feeding 5000 others (Matthew 14:14-21), the story in which a Samaritan man gave his time and resources to a victim of robbery (Luke 10:25-37) and the woman who gave two small copper coins which Jesus said was far more than others (Luke 21:1-4), just to name a few!

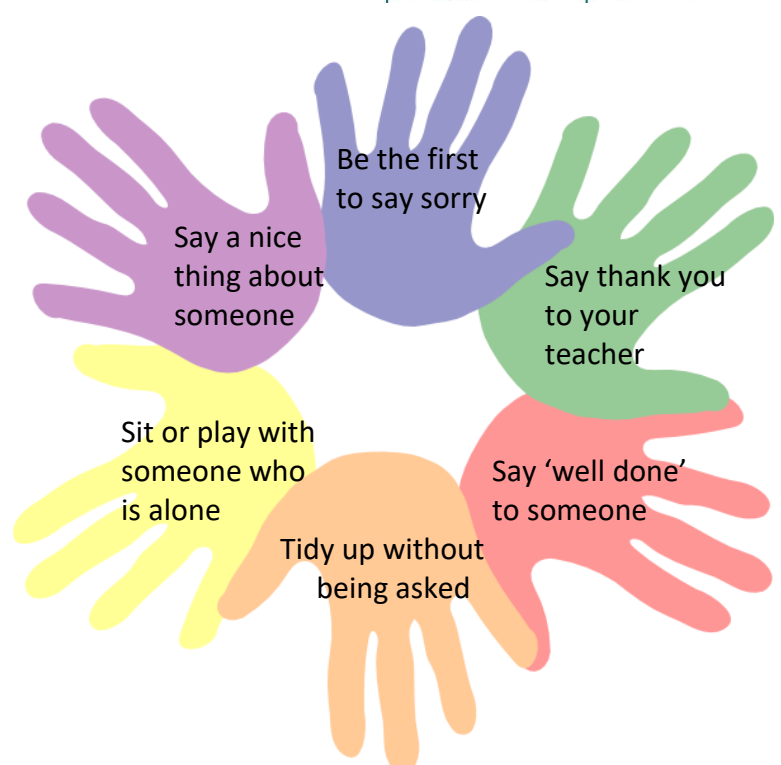
Christians believe that we need to be generous with our time, resources and money because that is what Jesus did and what he told others to do, when he walked on the Earth.

#### Instructions

So, how are you generous? Look at the examples on the hands. Could you do one of these things today? As you think about this and plan to be more generous, you might like to say a quiet prayer to God, asking him to help you.

See below for activity sheet

inspire  
prayer spaces

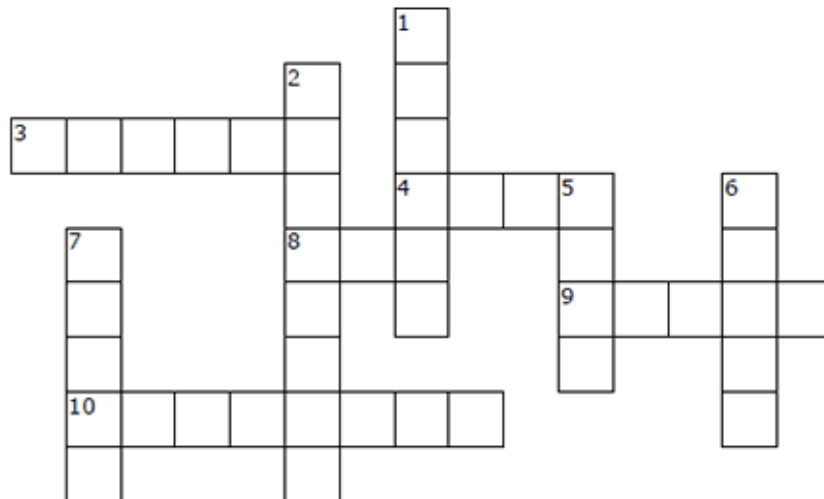


Adapted from a Prayer Spaces in Schools resource

# The Widow's Mite

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Mark 12:42

Based on Mark 12:38-44



## ACROSS

3. A reddish-brown metal which is sometimes used in making coins
4. Having little or no wealth
8. The entire amount; everything
9. A small piece of flat, circular metal, used for money
10. A contribution or gift made at a religious service

## DOWN

1. A building used for worship
2. A place where funds are received, kept, and dispursed
5. Having great material wealth
6. The official currency issued by a government
7. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried

POOR	COINS	TREASURY	COPPER	TEMPLE
ALL	WIDOW	OFFERING	MONEY	RICH

## Jesus Taught About Giving Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 10 things that are different.

