



November 10, 2024, 25th Sunday after

Pentecost

Mark 12:38-44

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you have taught us what it is to live in community with one another in sacrificial love. Give us hearts for service so that all might have their needs met, and be freed to give back for the good of others and of all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:43-44)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus condemned the scribes for their hypocrisy and exploitation of the widows. Then, when Jesus saw a poor widow putting her two small copper coins into the treasury, he told his disciples that her offering was larger than all those who offered out of their abundance.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What is the greatest example of love you have seen from a leader: Did it inspire others to love or to take advantage?
- We are to love our neighbor as ourselves—but do you love yourself? In the same way God loves you? How would loving yourself more fully help you love others?
- For the littles: How do you show love? God loves you so much!!!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May you feel truly loved by the God that asks you to love as you are loved. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Work on loving yourself as God loves you. Each day of the week, write at least one thing to love about yourself. Make a list for others in your household, too!



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 113; Genesis 24:1-10; 1 Timothy 5:1-8

Tuesday, Psalm 113; Genesis 24:11-27; 1 Timothy 5:9-16

Wednesday, Psalm 113; Genesis 24:28-42; Luke 4:16-30

Thursday, 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 1:21-28; 1 Timothy 6:11-21

Friday, 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 2:18-21; Colossians 2:6-15

Saturday, 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:1-18; Mark 12:1-12