



1. As pupils enter

Play your chosen music as children enter and display the images and/or objects.

2. Introduction

Show the children the images and objects and ask them to think about what they have in common. Ask the children if they have ever given money to a charity or done something to raise money. What was the charity and why did you want to give the money or raise money? Explain that in many religions, giving is part of people's worship of God, and many people with non-religious worldviews value giving and raising money for good causes.

The story today is a story from the Bible, the special book that Christians read. It is about a woman that Jesus sees doing something in a temple. Watch carefully to see what she does.

3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 35" and the final words are 'See you soon. Bye! / Bye!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

You could begin with the Video questions above to consolidate pupils' recall of the story. Then lead a discussion about 'sacrifice' by asking:

- What does the word 'sacrifice' mean? (Giving something up; giving something to benefit others)
- Can anyone think of times they have made a sacrifice...or have seen someone else making a sacrifice? (It's common for people to sacrifice time for a charitable activity - eg training for a marathon run).
- Who in the story makes a sacrifice? (In the story the widow gives up money as a gift to God and to benefit the temple - really it was too much money for her to give).
- Who in the story didn't make a sacrifice? (The rich people giving money merely to show off their wealth - their donations were insignificant by comparison to the poor widow's.)
- Why is making a sacrifice a good thing to do?

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

Video page



6. Opportunity to reflect

Let's take a moment to think about giving gifts and giving to charity... In today's story we heard about a poor widow who made a sacrifice by giving some money to the temple... Many people choose to make a sacrifice of their time or money to benefit a charity, because they want to be generous to others... When have you seen generosity recently..? Think about a charity that you would like to give to, by sacrificing your time to help... Making a gift of our time shows kindness to others...whether friends, family, or others...

7. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God,
Thank you for the generosity of others and the sacrifices they make. Help us not to compare ourselves with others... But when we feel in our hearts that we want to give, help us to make sacrifices ourselves and be as generous as we can be. Amen.*