



Faith Together at Home

Trusting God

Share Your
Faith

Gather Together

Gather in a cozy room around a world map or globe. Have someone close their eyes and point to a place on the map or spin the globe and then point to a place on it. Name the country (or closest country) that is pointed to. Offer a prayer for the people who live there. Share highs and lows from the day. Turn in a Bible or a children's Bible to Luke 21:1-4 (The Widow's Offering). Give a penny to the older kids and adults in your family. Ask them to imagine what they could do today with just one penny.

Discover Together

The widow's offering of "two small copper coins" was probably made up of two bronze coins called *leptons*, which means "the thin ones." The lepton was the smallest and least valuable coin of that time. For Jesus, it was not the size of the gift that mattered, but the amount of love and trust it represented. Search the house for a variety of coins. Count them up and talk about things your family can offer to God (money, talents, prayers). Find a clear container and write "Family Offering" on it. Encourage everyone to drop coins into the container in the coming weeks. When the container is full, choose a charity and make a donation. If change is sparse around your home, talk about what you might be able to give electronically today to an organization of your family's choice.

Talk Together

Ask these questions of each other:

- How do your family's choices show that you trust God to care for you?
- How can your family make a difference in God's world today?
- When has your family joyfully served others?

Pray Together

As a family, strive to see God's world more clearly today. Use a bar of soap to write words (or draw pictures) on the windows of your home. Choose words/pictures that get in the way of clearly focusing on God's love (jealousy, greed, hatred, selfishness, fear, etc.). Afterward, pray together, asking God to help you see clearly, as the widow did. Use rags and warm water to wash away the words. Let the sparkling windows remind your family to see the world's needs and serve through faith.

Serve Together

Is there an organization in your area that serves children who are living in foster care homes? Contact that organization and ask about ways you can offer help to these children. Donations of clothing, school supplies, and sports equipment may be needed. Talk together as a family about the things you can collect and share. Write caring notes to go along with your gifts.

Family Prayer

Say this prayer or blessing at the close of your time: **Holy God, help us trust you. May we give you all that we have. Amen.**