

## **Children's Sermon for Aug. 4 (based on Luke 12:13-21)**

**Items needed:** 2 quarters, picture of Jesus, offering plate. When kids come up, point to your eyes, ask kids what they are, and what they are for--seeing! Then, show kids picture of Jesus, and tell them that you see this picture of Jesus, with your eyes. Direct their attention to the congregation---I see other people, with my eyes. Show kids the two quarters, ask them what they are. Place the two quarters in your eye sockets, so they block your eyes. Point your head towards the picture of Jesus, and ask why you can't see Jesus now. Point your head towards congregation--why can't I see other people now. The quarters block me from being able to see Jesus and other people. In today's Bible reading, Jesus tells a story about a man who keeps trying to get more---more money, and more things. But because he keeps trying to get more, more, more, he becomes like me, when I had the quarters over my eyes--he doesn't see, he forgets, about God and other people. (Put quarters back over your eyes) That's why money can be dangerous--money can blind us to God and others. (Get offering plate) That's part of the reason we have offering in church (open your eyes so quarters fall into plate.) Giving money to God can heal me of the blindness to others that money can bring.

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