

Children's Sermon for Sept. 22 (based on Luke 16:1-13.)

Items needed: One dollar bills (enough to give one to each child.)

After kids come up, ask for one to volunteer. Give volunteer a one-dollar bill. Then, ask volunteer to hold the bill with both hands. But there's also another way to hold a dollar bill. Ask for two more volunteers. Have them stand, side by side. Then, give them one bill, and ask them to each hold one end of the bill, so it becomes like a "connecting bridge" between the two of them. Here's a different way of holding a dollar bill, a way that helps connect one person to another person. In today's Bible reading, Jesus tells a story about a person who uses money to make connections between himself and others. Sometimes, we need to use money to take care of our own needs (point to volunteer holding the bill in both of his/her hands.) But God also wants us to use money, like this second way of holding a dollar bill, a "bridge" that joins us to another. When we use our money to show kindness to others, it connects us to them. I am going to give each of you a dollar bill (do so,) and I am going to challenge each of you today to use that dollar to do something nice for someone else, so that dollar bill joins you to them.

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