

# 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Small Group Lesson



**Session Title:** God loves a Cheerful Giver

**Bible Passage:** Mark 12: 41-44

**Main Point:** God wants us to give first and trust that He will take care of us.

**Key Passage:** 2 Corinthians 9:7

**Christ Connection:** Giving back a small percentage of what we are given is a way to show obedience to God, it shows that we love Him, and He is first in our lives and that money goes toward helping others and sharing who Jesus is around the world.

## Give, Save, Spend Activity

*Materials: Worksheet (1 per person) & marker/pens*

Give each person a 'Give, Save, Spend' worksheet below and put the pens/markers in the middle of the table. Tell the group you are giving them 10 imaginary items (stars, pennies, cookies, etc..) and have them draw 1 of those items (1/10) near the word "Give" and then draw 1 of them near the word "Save" and then draw the rest of the 8 items near the word "Spend" on the worksheet. This will give them a visual of what it looks like to give God, 10% or 1/10, and how He allows us to keep the rest to put towards the Save and Spend columns.

Then work together as a group to list ways they can save/spend/give and write them in each of the column-rectangles. Help them think of what kinds of skills & talents or time could be used to give to God? What kinds of items they could be saving for and what smaller items could they spend their time and money on?

Below are some examples:

- *Give to God:*
  - *Donate clothes you don't wear anymore*
  - *Homemade cards - Christmas, someone sick or thinking about you*
  - *Lemonade stand*
  - *Making bracelets*
  - *Give a portion of your allowance/birthday money/Christmas money*
  - *Donating canned food*
  - *Caroling in the neighborhood*
  - *Garage Sale*
  - *Paint rocks to give*
  - *Do extra chores to earn extra money*
- *Save:*
  - *Bike*
  - *Buy items to help others in need*
  - *Book Fair*
  - *Sports equipment*
- *Spend:*
  - *Candy*
  - *Pens/pencils*
  - *Small toy*
  - *Puzzle*

**God has blessed us in many ways to help others. When we see it written in chart like this one, it helps us remember that God gave us everything we have and using our money and talents wisely will bring Him glory when we're helping others and taking the message of Jesus around the world. Let us give joyfully, with a cheerful heart to help others know Jesus.**

