

St. James Episcopal Church  
A Moment for Kids – of All Ages!

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



In today's Gospel story a poor woman, gave two pennies, or "all she had to live on." That is incredible! How generous! Why did she give so generously? The bible doesn't tell us, but perhaps we could imagine. Perhaps she lived with a sense of the great blessing of God's love in her life so that she lived in gratitude and trust in God. In the love of God, her family and friends she understood that she had the greatest treasure of all. In her gratitude for that, she wanted to give to help other people.

## BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

Children look to their parent's actions to understand ideas like thankfulness, generosity and giving. We often do things from mixed motives. Do we give because it makes us look good or because we want to respond to the aching need of human beings? Do we respond to family members grudgingly or from a deep well of love and appreciation for them? Talk with your children about why you give, and about your gratitude.

### *Dinner Table Conversation:*

*What have I received from God today?*

*What have I offered God today?*

*Remember – there are lots of ways to give – of our time, of our energy, money, compassion, and good humor, just to name a few.*

*What do we give back to God?*

*Love, Joy, Help, Generosity,  
Thoughtfulness, Help, Hard  
Work, Money, Time, Prayers,  
and Praise!*

*Can you think of more?*