

# Family Devotional: Trusting God with Your Finances

**Theme:** Trusting God as our Provider, even when we don't feel like we have much.

## Main Scriptures:

- Mark 12:41–44 The Widow's Two Coins
- 2 Kings 4:1–7 The Widow and the Oil

#### **Focus Verse:**

"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."

—Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

#### **Read Together:**

Choose one or both of these stories and read them in smaller chunks:

## Story 1: The Widow's Two Coins – Mark 12:41–44 (NLT)

- What did the widow give?
- Why did Jesus say her gift was greater than the others'?
- What does this teach us about what matters most to God?

# Story 2: The Widow and the Oil – 2 Kings 4:1–7 (NLT)

- What did Elisha tell the widow to do?
- How did her small jar of oil become more than enough?
- How do you think she felt seeing God provide?

## After reading, ask:

- Have you ever trusted God with something small?
- What's something you have that you can offer to God?

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## 1. God Cares About Our Trust, Not Just the Amount

#### Ask:

- Why do you think Jesus celebrated the widow's two small coins?
- Do you think God notices when we give something small, like time or kindness?

#### 2. God Can Use the Little We Have

#### Discuss:

- The widow in 2 Kings had just a little oil, but it was enough when she obeyed.
- What "small thing" do you have (money, time, kindness) that God could use?

# 3. It's Easy to Worry, But God Provides

Read Matthew 6:26–33 (NLT)

Ask:

- Why do you think Jesus talks about birds and flowers when He's teaching about money?
- How does it help to remember that God takes care of them, and He'll take care of us too?

## 4. Giving Grows Our Trust

Read Luke 6:38 and Proverbs 3:9

Discuss:

- What happens when we give with a cheerful heart?
- How can giving help us trust God more?

#### Weekly Challenge: The Give & Trust Challenge

As a family, choose **one small thing** to give this week: money, time, an act of service, or even sharing something you love.

#### Steps:

- 1. Talk about what you'll give.
- 2. Write it down or draw a picture and place it somewhere visible.
- 3. Ask God to help you trust Him with it.
- 4. At the end of the week, share what happened and how you felt.

### **Memory Verse:**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding."

—Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)



Optional Short Version for Young Kids: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

## **Family Prayer:**

(Have a parent, teen, or child read this aloud.)

"Dear God, thank You for being our Provider. You see every little thing we give, and You care more about our hearts than our amount. Help us to trust You with everything we have. Teach us to give with joy and live with open hands. We know You are faithful and that You will give us what we need. In Jesus' name, Amen.