

# WHO NEEDS COMPASSION?

*moms everywhere*



## Devotionals: Generosity



### PRAY TO START

Thank God for His generosity in giving us family, friends, food, shelter, clean water and all of the other great things we have. Ask for His help to be generous.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

When has someone been generous to you? When do you find it easy to be generous? When do you find it hard to be generous?

### BEING GENEROUS

The word “generous” means showing a readiness to give more of something than is necessary or expected.

When you talked about when someone had been generous to you, was it that they had shared something with you or that they’d given you money or a great present? Maybe they’d forgiven you when you didn’t deserve it or had been generous with their time. There are lots of ways to be generous.

### WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 21:1-4, NIV

### A THOUGHT

Jesus saw the rich people giving money to the temple and the poor widow giving two very small coins. He said that the widow put in more than all the others. How can this be true? The rich people gave more money than two very small coins.

Jesus goes on to say that the rich people gave out of their wealth, so the money they put in wasn’t really much of a sacrifice for them. They had plenty anyway. The poor widow gave all she had, even though it wasn’t very much. She gave when she didn’t have any money to spare for anything else.

Jesus teaches us how real giving that pleases God must come from the heart. The amount or size of the gift doesn’t matter as much as the cost to the giver. How can we make sure we give our all to God like the poor widow?

### WHY NOT...

The money given each month to sponsor a child makes a huge difference to them, allowing them to go to their local Compassion project center and to be cared for. But as well as this, the generosity you show through your kind words in your letters, and through the drawings and photos you send to your sponsored child encourage them and let them know they are loved.

Could you be generous to your sponsored child today by spending some time writing a letter or drawing a picture to encourage them? The next page is a sheet you can fill in if you want some ideas about what to write.

### PRAYER

Thank God for the Bible where we can learn about what matters to Him. Ask for Him to help you to be like the poor widow in giving God all you have with a generous heart.

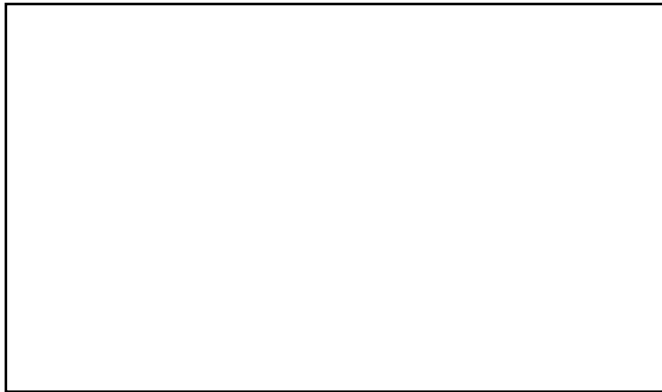
Dear .....

We've been talking about being generous, and how God wants us to give all of ourselves to Him. Here's the story we read in the Bible:

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### Luke 21:1-4

[Why not draw a picture to illustrate the story for your sponsored child?]



What I learned from the story:

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I want to be more generous by...

[Tell your sponsored child how you would like to be more generous - maybe with your time, your friendships or your money]

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[Then ask your sponsored child how they would like to learn to be more generous]

How do you want to learn to be more generous?

Love from .....

Your name ..... Compassion reference number.....

Sponsored child's name ..... Sponsored child's reference number .....