

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 November 2024 - Year B

“This poor widow has given more than all the others.”

Something to Think About

What does it mean to be generous?

Think of some generous people you know, and ask God to bless them.

The Story

There was an offering box near the temple where people came to give money. Many rich people put a lot of money in the box. A poor widow, a lady whose husband had died, had only two coins left to live on. She put both of those coins into the offering box. Jesus said these two coins were worth more than all the money the rich people gave since they had given their extra money that they didn't need.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

12:41-44

Jesus was sitting in the temple near the offering box and watching people put in their gifts. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money.

Finally, a poor widow came up and put in two coins that were worth only a few pennies.

Jesus told his disciples to gather around him.

Then he said:

"I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others.

Everyone else gave what they didn't need.

But she is very poor and gave everything she had.

Now she doesn't have a cent to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video:

[The Poor Widow's Offering](#)



Group Discussion

Think about the things that you have plenty of that you could share with others. Perhaps you could share some of your lunch with a friend. Perhaps you could give some of your clothes or toys to the poor.

What is something that you would find very difficult to share?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will be fair and generous. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who live in poor countries. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who die from hunger each day. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will happily share what we have with others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray God's blessing upon our parents who give us everything we need. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



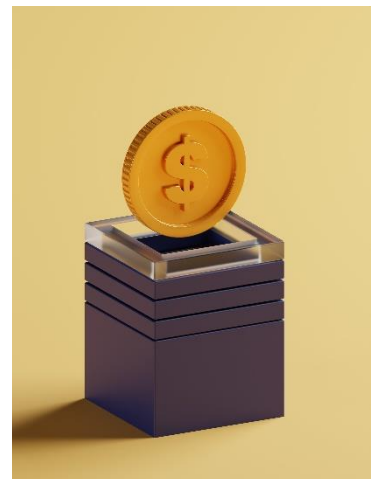
Dear Jesus,
Thank you for all the gifts you
have given us. Help us to share
generously with others.
Amen.

Group Activity

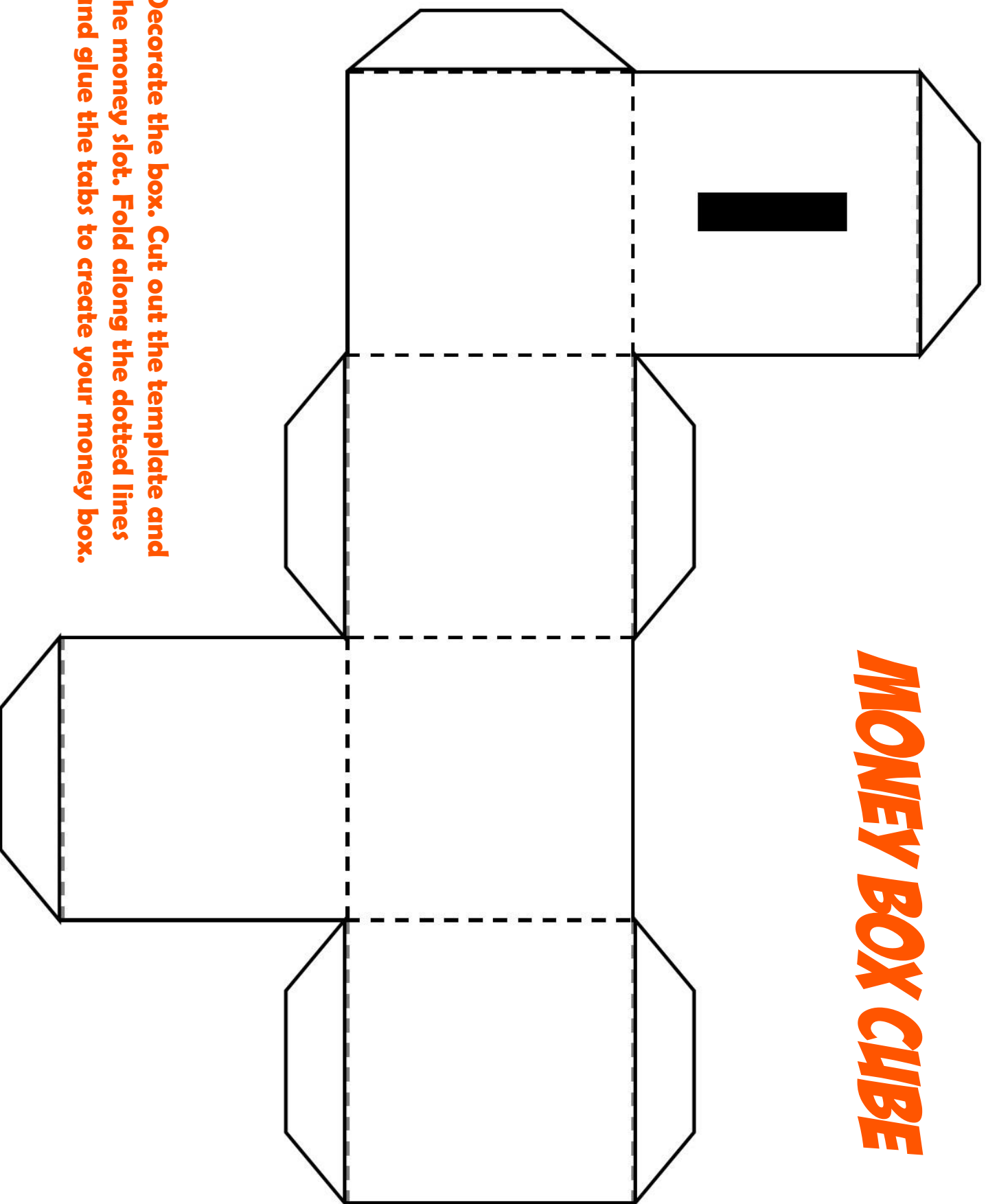
MONEY BOX CUBE

You will need: a template for each child on cardstock or paper, coloured markers, glue, scissors. Optional: other decorating items eg. stickers.

1. Decorate your money box.
2. Cut out the template and money slot.
3. Fold along the dotted lines.
4. Glue the tabs to create your money box.
5. After you have some coins in your money box, think about who you might like to share your money with. Maybe there is a poor box at your church.



MONEY BOX CUBE



Decorate the box. Cut out the template and the money slot. Fold along the dotted lines and glue the tabs to create your money box.



**FIND OUT IF YOUR
CHURCH HAS A POOR BOX.
WHERE IS IT?**

**WHY DO PEOPLE PUT MONEY
IN IT?**

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

**CAN YOU PUT SOME OF YOUR
POCKET MONEY IN IT?**

**LORD, TEACH US TO
BE GENEROUS AND
TO CARE FOR THE
POOR**