

# Not Enough to Give

## GOD'S WORD

*“But whoever has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, then closes his heart of compassion against him, how does God’s love remain in him? My little children, let’s not love in word only, or with the tongue only, but in deed and truth.”*

1 John 3:17–18 (WEB)



## THE STORY

LJ has been saving a jar of coins for a soccer ball when he hears that his friend Marcus’s house caught fire. His family got out safe, but everything they had is gone. Against a whole house, LJ’s coins look like nothing. Mom folds his hands around them and tells him God never asks for enough, He asks for yours. Dad remembers neighbors bringing boxes to his own family’s door. So LJ asks his class, his family and the neighbors to give with him, and the jar comes back full. He puts it in Marcus’s hands himself.

Grandma reads how a poor widow gave two tiny coins, all she had, and Jesus said she gave more than anyone (Mark 12:41–44).

## TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. Why did LJ think his coins wouldn’t make any difference?
2. What did each person do to help Marcus?
3. What is in your hands today that you could give this week?

## PRAY TOGETHER

*God, when what I have looks too small, remind me that You never ask me for enough. You ask me for mine. Give me eyes that notice people and hands that open. Amen.*

## TRY THIS WEEK

Start a family giving jar. Let everyone, grown-ups too, put something in it all week: coins, a note promising an hour of help, a drawing, a toy in good condition. On Sunday let the children decide who it goes to, then deliver it in person and let them hand it over themselves.

## DRAW IT

Draw what is in your hands that you could give, and the person you would give it to.