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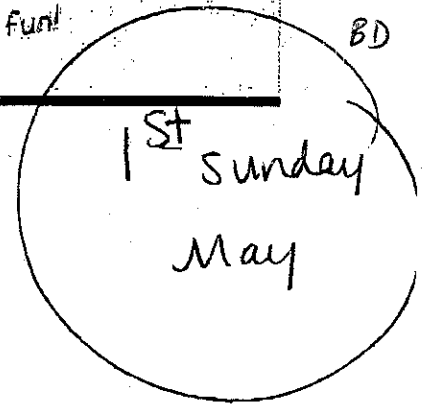
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Tithes And Offerings (Lesson 3)

## My Gift Matters

by Craig

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### LESSON OBJECTIVE

This lesson illustrates how every gift given to God, no matter how large or small, is very important in reaching out to build up the God's Kingdom. Applications: Giving, Sharing, Generosity, Helping, and Body of Christ. Tithes and Offering (stewardship) series Activity: Build a Church

### AS KIDS ARRIVE ( 10 minutes )

No Gift is Too Small: Word Puzzle [Click here](#) included

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES ( 5 minutes ) [Further info? Click Here](#)

### MEMORY WORK ( 10 minutes )

**"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have." (2 Corinthians 8: 12)**

Read the verse together several times. Go around the room and ask children to share their thoughts on the verse; what does willingness mean to them? What gifts are acceptable? What should we give? How might we apply it to our lives today? Ask the children to read the verse several times during the next week.

### SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION ( 15 minutes )

#### Introduction:

Our lesson today is about how everyone has something they can give to God, to help build up the Body of Christ, the Church. No gift is too small to God. Jesus once pointed out how a poor widow put only two coins into the collection plate, while others were giving large sums of money. But because the two coins meant a lot to her, in fact it was everything she had, her gift was large to God.

Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in Corinth, to tell them to keep on being generous. He asked them to give what they could to the churches they started, so no one would be in need. Let's read together what Paul wrote to the Corinthians.

**2 Corinthians 8: 1-15** Read this passage to the children. Ask them to say "stop" whenever they hear a word they do not fully understand. After giving a brief definition, continue reading. Read the entire verse a second time without stopping if needed.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Did the believers give only what they wanted, or as much as they were able? (*What they were able, vs 3*)
2. Did Paul command the Corinthians to give? (*No, he asked them to show the sincerity of their love vs 8*)
3. If someone doesn't have very much to give, what should they do?



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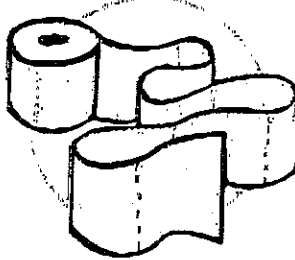
## Strength of Many

by Craig

*The Body of Christ is stronger and more effective when everyone pitches in.*

**Materials:**

Roll of toilet paper



**Topics:**

Giving, Strength, Body of Christ

**Duration:**

Approximately 5 minutes

**Target Age:**

Grades 1 2 3 4 5 6

**Preparation:**

None

**What you will do:**

You will demonstrate the strength of toilet paper when wrapped around a volunteer's wrists many times. First ask for a volunteer, and have them hold their wrists together as you wrap the toilet paper around only a few times. They can easily separate their wrists. You will compare this to when just a few believers give a small amount to the church. Next, you will wrap the paper around the volunteer's wrist about twenty or thirty times. They will not be able to separate their wrists. This you will compare to many people giving a small amount to the church.

**What you will say:**

Today, I want to demonstrate how even a very small gift to the church can make a difference. I need a strong volunteer.

What I want you to do is put your wrists together. Now here I have a roll of toilet paper. Toilet paper is not very strong is it? It tears easily. Now, let me wrap this toilet paper a few times around your wrists. (Wrap the paper around one time.) This is like when only a few people give a small amount to the church. Can you separate your wrists? (Allow the volunteer to do so, and then have them put their wrists together again.)

What happens when many people give a small amount to the church? (Wrap the paper around the volunteer's wrists about twenty or thirty times, using children's names or people they know as examples of people who give as you wrap.)

Now, can you separate your wrists? (The child will try but will not be able to. Unwind the paper quickly after the point has been made so you do not frighten the child.)

You may think that your gift cannot make a difference, but no gift is too small. When many people give even a small gift, like when we wrapped the toilet paper around many times, the gift becomes very strong and important. God is pleased when everyone helps out.

4. In verse 14, what happens when believers give what they can and when they can?  
(Others who are in need are helped)

5. Who became poor so we could become rich? (Jesus)

6. Which of these are true:

- A. We should give with a willing mind. (true)
- B. We should give according to what we have. (true)
- C. When we give from love, we can help someone who is in need (true)

#### CLASS EXERCISES (10 minutes)

Strength of Many (Object Talk) [Click Here](#)

Instructions included

#### ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (10 minutes)

~~When We Give Together (Activity) [Click Here](#)~~

#### APPLICATION ( 2 minutes)

God doesn't care how much we give. His desire is that every Christian gives whatever they can. When we work together to build up the Church, even the smallest gift is important. Not all of us are rich, talented in music, or good at other difficult things. But we all have a purpose in the church when we give back some of what God has blessed us with. God doesn't care if our gift is large or small, because he will use every gift for some good. Whether there are people who need clothing, food, prayers, money to pay bills or to hear the Good News about Jesus, our gifts large and small really do matter. This week, think of ways you can give.

#### NEXT WEEK

Please choose another exciting lesson from Kid's Sunday School Place.

**CLOSING PRAYER ( 2 minutes)** Further info? [Click Here](#)