## Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

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# Day 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching, write one thing that:

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1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Commitment.

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### Read Mark 12:41-44

Get a sheet of paper and a writing utensil. Fold your paper in half twice. Unfold the paper, then trace over the fold lines so you've created four boxes. Inside each box, illustrate the story you read in Mark 12:

**Box 1:** Jesus sitting down watching people drop in their offerings

**Box 2:** Rich people putting in large amounts of money

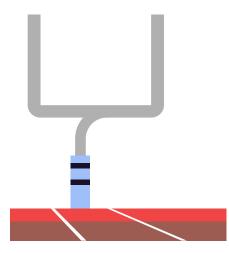
**Box 3:** The poor woman putting in a little bit of money

Box 4: Jesus calling the disciples over

Which box do you think most people would say represents the most sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_

Read verse 43-44 and then circle the box that represents who Jesus says made the greatest sacrifice.

If you circled the picture of the poor woman donating her two coins, you're right. The woman who gave all she had shows us what it looks like to live for God.



# There are so many ways to practice living for God.

It might mean giving money or things sacrificially, just like the widow did in our story this week. But it also might mean giving up your time to help someone, being kind when you're tired and frustrated, refusing to gossip when everyone else in your friend group is doing it, or a million other ways that you choose to live for God instead of yourself. Fill in the blanks in the prayer below, remembering back to all the ways you learned this month that you can live out commitment.

Dear God, thank You for sending
Jesus to be my Savior and to show me
what it looks like to live for You. I really
want to live for You, so please help me
to practice by
from You,
to You, talking
You,
and
my
for You. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Next, pray the prayer out loud; then, hang this paper somewhere you will see it this week to continue praying to ask God for help as you **practice living for God.** 

Answers: Hearing, praying, about, living, life

# Day 4

### Practice living for God.

It's not too challenging to **practice** living for God for a day or two, but sometimes we slip back into old habits-or forget to practice the new ones! One thing that can help as you practice living for God is having an accountability partner-someone who will check in with you from time to time to see how things are going. It can work really well if that person is also practicing living for God. Who is someone you can ask to help hold you accountable? Go to them, or call or text them, today and explain a bit about what you're looking for. If they are up for the task, let them know you'll be in touch soon with more details!



# Day 5

### You know you want to live for God, and you've got an accountability partner now, so what's next?

### How can you live for God?

Thankfully, Jesus showed us how to do that when He was living on the earth. And He summed it up like this: Love God. Love others.

Grab a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle. At the top left, write the words "Love God." Then on the top right, write "Love others." Then write 3-4 ways in each column that you can live for God by loving God and others.

Share your paper with the person who agreed to be your accountability partner. Talk through the ideas you've come up with and see if they have any more ideas. Then circle one from each side of the paper that you'd like to attempt first.

At the bottom of each column, write a simple plan for how you plan to live for God by loving God and loving others in those specific ways you circled. Make sure to include how your accountability partner will check in with you!