Generosity

BIBLE VERSE
Jesus looked around and saw rich people dropping their gifts in the Temple treasury, and he also saw a very poor widow dropping in two little copper coins. He said, “I tell you that this poor widow put in more than all the others. For the others offered their gifts from what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, gave all she had to live on.”
Younger children might like to watch this version of the story:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYCHAEl6rps

Daily Prayer
Dear God,
Thank you that you give each of us gifts and abilities. Help us to be thankful for them and generous in sharing them with others. Forgive us for the times when we do not do this and help us always to follow the examples of generosity Jesus showed us.
Amen

Wondering
I wonder what generosity means to you
I wonder when you have seen an act of generosity
I wonder if you can think of ways to be generous
I wonder if you can think of examples of when Jesus was generous

Creative Prayer 1 ≈ Map Prayers
Find your area on a map (Google Maps) what can you see? Your school, your house, the church, your family or friends houses, a care home or hospital. (Or you could draw your own map or right a list of places in your area). Pick a place on the map, pray for that place and the people that live or work there. Be generous with the time you take to do this

Creative Prayer 2 ≈ Generosity Bowl
The widow gave all she had. She showed generosity of heart – even if she didn’t have money she would have given something else like time money, her gifts.
Take a bowl - it was probably something similar that the widow dropped her coins into. What gifts do you have to bring? What things do you have that you can be generous with? It might be time, sorting out belongings ready for the charity shop, saying a kind word to someone, or doing a job around the house unasked, offering to spend time with a someone in the household. Take some pieces of paper and write one thing on each piece and put it in the bowl. Do as many as you can think of! Each day, take one piece of paper from the bowl and do that thing. Thank God that he has given you all these gifts and ask him to help you find ways to share them.
Activity 1 ≈ Coin Throw

For this game you will need some 2p coins, one for each player (you could use toy money, bottle caps or any other coin as long as they are the same). You might like pen and paper to keep score. Play with up to 6 players.

Choose a wall—if you have outside space that work well. Decide on a spot away from the wall about 1.5m away if you have space – if it is outside you could mark it with chalk.

To start the game, the first player stands at the mark and throws the coin against the very bottom edge of the wall.

The next player throws their coin against the wall and tries to hit the other player's coin.

The other players take it in turn to try to hit the coin. If they do, they get one point.

The round ends, when all the players have tried to hit the coin.

If after all players have taken a turn, no coins hit the first players coin, then the first player gets 2 points.

Begin the next round with another of the players going first.

The game ends when each player has taken a turn at throwing their coin first; whoever has the most points wins the game (you can play as many rounds as you like!).

Activity 2 ≈ Crossword

Here is a small crossword based on the Bible reading. When you have completed it, why not have a go at making your own using this as a guide?

Clues down
1. A building used for worship
2. Something we have that we can share
5. A person in the bible reading that Jesus saw
7. Something the person in the story was not (in money)

Clues across
3. This week's theme
4. How many coins were put in the treasury
6. Something the person in the story was (in money)
8. What the coins were made of

Quote
'Generosity is the habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return'
Anonymous

Thing of the week...

Learn a simple magic trick! Like plucking a coin from the air or making a coin disappear.

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