

# 365

## KIDS CLUB

12 WEEK OFFERING SERIES



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CHURCH OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS

# **365 KIDS CLUB**

12 Week Offering Time Series

FINAL - 30 DAY CHALLENGE

# **LESSON 12**

\$30 Team Challenge



# *LESSON SUPPLIES*

## WHAT WE'LL NEED

Dollar Bill Denominations: \$1, \$5, \$10

Team Offering Envelopes

Pens

Group totals from previous week

Pictures:

365 Logo, \$1,000, \$10,000



# TODAY IS THE FINAL TEAM OFFERING FOR OUR 365 KIDS CLUB CHALLENGE!

HAVE THE TOTALS OF EACH TEAM READY TO SHARE WITH THE KIDS AT THE END OF THE OFFERING TIME

You have all worked very well together to bring in \$30 per team for our final World Missions challenge. I am so proud of you! It has not been easy and not everyone was able to get the full amount, but I'm so thankful that all gave some!

Did you know that there are some lessons better learned from the smaller offerings than the larger ones?

Let me explain....



# ***\$1 BILLS ARE COMMON***

What is the highest valued dollar bill you have ever held in your hand?

**ALLOW KIDS TO RESPOND**

**SHOW THE \$1 BILL**

Most, if not all, of you have held one of these in your hands. Is that correct? I know this is true, not simply because you have told me so, but because when you give in the offering each week, I can see the \$1 bills you have placed into the container and in your offering envelopes.

**SHOW THE \$5 BILL**

How many of you have held a \$5 bill in your hand before? The same is true for this bill. I have seen some of these in our offering container.



# ***HIGHER VALUE***

## **SHOW THE \$10 BILL**

How many of you have held a \$10 in your hand before?

## **ALLOW KIDS TO RESPOND**

It's interesting that although a lot of you have held a \$10 bill in your hand, I rarely see any of these in the offering container.

**RIGHT ABOUT NOW, A CHILD IN YOUR GROUP WILL SAY THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN A \$10 BILL BEFORE AND MAY EVEN SAY THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN A \$20 BILL.**

Oh, I know you have given them before, but what I said was, I "RARELY" see one of these in the offering container. \$10 are definitely a higher value than the \$1 bills so that explains why I see less of them in the offering.

We keep the higher value bills for other things in our lives that we value more than offering.



Is that too harsh to say?


**No.**

It seems harsh to hear because it hurts our hearts.

When we are faced with the truth that we had high dollar bills in our hands, yet did not give them in the offering, it hurts because today we are learning that we placed a higher value on worldly possessions rather than God's Mission.

***TOO HARSH?***

This reminds me of a story I heard once about a man who gave a million dollars to his church. Can you imagine a million dollars in the offering plate!? They don't even make a \$1,000,000 bill! That's such a large amount that he had to transfer the money straight from his bank to the bank the church had their account with. He couldn't carry that much money around with him every day.



When a friend asked the man about his generosity and how long he had to contemplate before giving such a LARGE amount to the church. His answer shocked the friend.

He said, "The million was easy. It was the first \$1,000 that was the hardest."

## SHOW THE \$1,000 BILL PICTURE



The shocked friend couldn't believe what he had heard. Giving \$1,000 was more difficult than giving the \$1,000,000?! The man went on to explain his answer.



# IS GIVING LESS REALLY HARDER?

The man said, "Several years ago, I received a bonus at work and it was the largest bonus I had received, up to that point. It was \$10,000."

SHOW THE \$10,000 BILL PICTURE



"10% tithes on \$10,000 is \$1,000 and I had never given \$1,000 in the offering before. I thought about all of the things I could do with that \$1,000 if I kept it. I battled with myself for a week!

Should I obey God and tithe or should I keep it for myself? It was a hard week. The struggle inside of me was very real!"

# ***CURSED OR BLESSED?***

The man continued, "Then I asked, what could I do with a cursed \$10,000 that I couldn't do with a blessed \$9,000? You see, if I kept the 10%, I would be robbing God, so the whole amount - \$10,000 - would be cursed. But if I gave the tithe to God - \$1,000 - then the remaining \$9,000 would be blessed!

"I didn't want cursed money! I wanted to honor God and give His 10% back to Him. Then I knew He would bless the remaining 90%. And I really believed I could do more with 90% and God's blessing than with 100% cursed money."

So that next Sunday, I gave my first \$1,000 to God.

After that giving has been easy!"





# *\$1 OR \$10*

It seems crazy to hear a man say that giving the first \$1,000 was more difficult than giving \$1,000,000. But when we think about what is in our own hands we understand this a little better, don't we?

## SHOW THE \$1 & \$10 BILLS AGAIN

When we have two different bills in our hands, it is difficult for us to give the higher valued one. Giving the \$1 bill is easier than giving the \$10 bill. I know this is true for me!

We have to ask God to help us be faithful with the small things He has trusted us with so that He can trust us with bigger things later on!

## BRING OUT THE OFFERING CONTAINER, TEAM ENVELOPES AND PENS

# IT'S TIME TO COMPLETE THE 365 KIDS CLUB TEAM CHALLENGE!

TAKE UP THE OFFERING AND SHARE  
THE TOTALS OF THE GROUPS.

THEN (MORE IMPORTANTLY) SHARE  
THE OVERALL TOTAL THAT WILL BE  
SENT INTO WORLD MISSIONS  
THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF  
YOUR KID'S MINISTRY!



## **FINAL-30 DAY CHALLENGE**