

Dimes for Hunger

Children's Sermons & Family Discussions



Week One: A Dime Can Make a Difference

"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish..." - John 6:9

Ask: Have you ever felt like what you have isn't enough to help someone?

- Tell the story of the boy who gave his lunch to Jesus. It seemed small, but Jesus used it to feed thousands.
- Share that Dimes for Hunger works the same way. Even one dime-just 10 cents can help feed someone who is hungry. Because it takes money to buy food for people who are hungry. Alone, you can't buy anything, but if all of us give dimes, we can buy a lot of food with all of our money together. (This is also a good time to explain how this special offering will be collected in your congregation.)

Show a dime and say: God can take this little coin and turn it into something BIG when we all work together.

Invite the kids to bring dimes (to collect them at home and bring them on the day/days you are collecting the offering), and pray for those who are hungry.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for using even small things to do big work. Help us to share what we have so others won't be hungry. Amen.

Discussion at Dinner

1. How can something small, like a dime, help end hunger?
2. Discuss how your household is going to collect money this month for the offering: Will you put dimes in a jar for each meal? Collect a dollar per meal? Write down and keep track of how many meals you eat and then give that amount all at once? Will you pay online or give cash?



Week Two: God Wants Everyone to Eat

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." - Matthew 25:35

Ask: What does it feel like to be really hungry?

- **Say:** There are kids around the world-and even nearby who don't have enough to eat every day. Explain that Jesus told us when we help others, it's like we're helping Him.
- Talk about how Dimes for Hunger gives food to people who need it, in the name of Jesus.

Ask: How would you feel if someone helped you when you were hungry? We get to be that someone for others!

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for food and for people who care. Help us care, too, by giving our dimes to help others eat. Amen.

Discussion at Dinner

1. Why do you think Jesus and the Bible talk so much about feeding people?
2. What do you think it feels like to be truly hungry not just waiting for dinner, but not knowing when you'll eat next?



Week Three: God Wants Us To Share

"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise..." - Isaiah 58:10

- **Ask:** What does it feel like when your tummy rumbles? Imagine that feeling all day long. What would you do if you were hungry, and there were no food in your house? You might have to wait for someone to help you.
- **Say:** God tells us to "offer our food to the hungry." When we give dimes, we're obeying God by feeding others. (Again, emphasize that it takes money to purchase food).

God tells us to share what we have so that everyone has enough to eat.

- What is one of your favorite foods that you want to share with someone else? (Let the kids name their favorite foods).

The best way to share those foods with others, is to keep collecting your money (Or insert whatever language here that explains how they are supposed to collect money this month.) so that we can help people buy the food they need.

Prayer: Loving God, help us notice when others are hungry. Show us how to be a light by sharing our food and money. Amen.

Discussion at Dinner

1. Have you ever shared your food or snacks with someone else? How did that feel?
2. What do you think God wants us to do when we see someone in need?



Week Four: Faith in Action

"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacks daily food... and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?" - James 2:15-16

Ask: Have you ever been sick, and had someone say, "feel better!" And that's all they did?

Ask: Have you ever been sick and had someone like your mom or dad, make you some soup, or give you medicine, and tuck you in a cozy blanket?

- **Ask:** What made you feel better, being told to feel better or the things someone actually did for you like giving you medicine or soup?

Ask: If a friend was really hungry, would you say "Too bad" or give them food?

- **Say:** God wants us to do more than talk - He wants us to help.
- Explain how Dimes for Hunger does real things - gives food, teaches people to grow food, and makes sure kids can eat at school.
- **Say:** Every time we give a dime, we're doing something good. We're helping end hunger. (Insert language here about collecting the offering since this is the last week.)

Prayer: Jesus, You fed the hungry and cared about people's needs. Help us to do the same until everyone has enough to eat. Amen.

Discussion at Dinner

1. What are some ways we can help people who are hungry, besides giving money? (e.g. praying, helping with food drives, growing food, not wasting food)
2. How can we work together as a church to help stop hunger?