

TWO small coins

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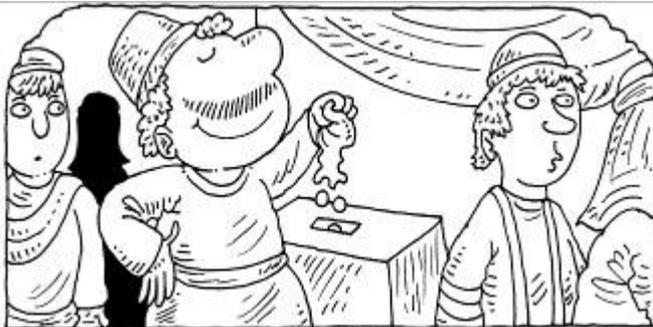
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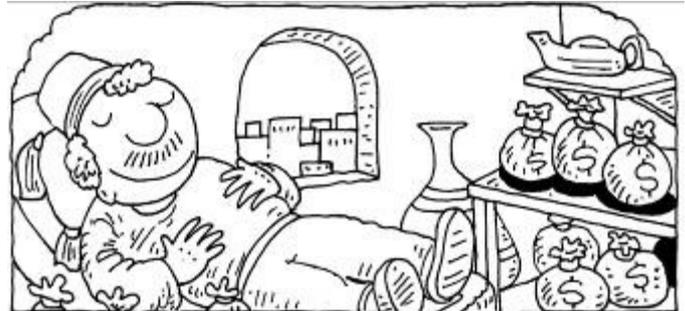
Jesus went to the temple at Jerusalem, to tell people about God. He saw some people putting their gifts of money into the donation box.



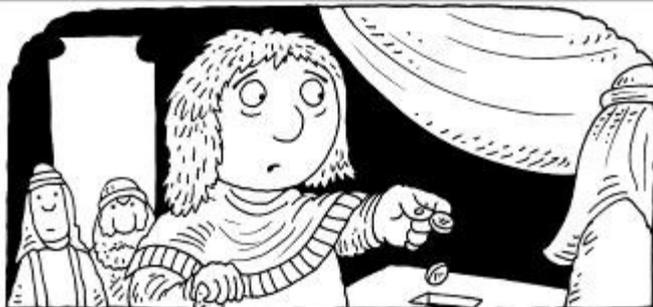
A very rich man came into the temple with a big bag of money. He was putting it all into the donation box.



He was very pleased with himself and hoped everyone would notice how much money he was putting into the box. It jingled loudly as it went in. Such a lot of money!



It was easy for the rich man to give a lot. He had plenty of money to spend and he could buy anything he wanted. The rich man had plenty more money at home.



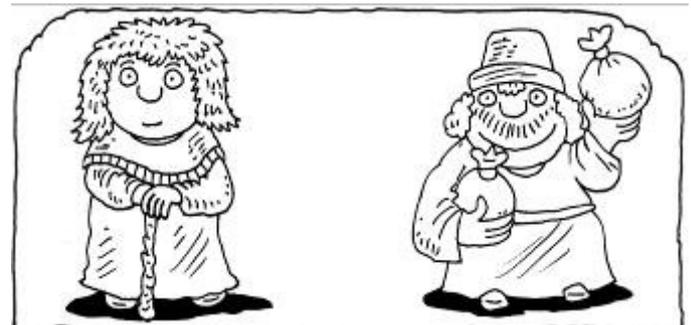
Then Jesus saw a poor little lady quietly drop two tiny coins into the donation box. She didn't have much money, but she loved God very much.



The poor lady had no more money to give. She could have kept it for herself. She gave it with a heart of thankfulness and love.



Jesus said, "This poor lady has given more than all the rich people. Giving didn't matter one bit to them, but this poor lady gave to God, when she needed it herself."



God sees the way we give to Him. He wants us to give because we love Him, not so that others can see how rich we are and think that we are important.