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☆Let's Talk

ASK Who do you see in the picture?

SAY A rich young man went to see Jesus. But he was not ready to follow him. The man loved the things God had given him more than he loved Jesus, and he loved himself more than others. Sadly, he walked away from Jesus.

SAY After Jesus spoke to him, I wonder if the rich young man realized that he didn't really love or trust God . . .

SAY Another time, a poor widow put two small coins in the money box at the temple. It was not very much, but it was all she had to offer God. Jesus saw what she did and said she gave more than anyone else because she gave everything. The poor widow showed that she loved God more than the things he had given her. Jesus wants his children to love him more than any of his gifts to us. He wants us to love him best!

☆Let's Feel and Share

- 1 Gather the following objects: **apple, package of cookies, coins, board game, book, crayon box, ball.** Secretly place one of the objects inside a **bag**. Have a child put his hand inside the bag, feel the object, and guess what it is without looking. When the correct guess is given, remove the object from the bag. Talk about ways to share it with others.
- 2 Continue with the remaining objects. Make sure everyone has a turn. Point out that Jesus wants us to love him first and best. He wants us to trust him to give us what we need, and he wants us to share what we have with others.
- 3 Afterward, share the cookies as a snack. (Be aware of allergies.)

☆Let's Sing and Pray

Sing this prayer to the tune *The Farmer in the Dell*.

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Thank you for saving me,
Your child I'll always be.
Help me love you most of all,
Dear God, on you I'll call.

Conclude the prayer by saying **In Jesus' name, Amen.**