

When Lucy gave the children a quiz about parables that Jesus told, Grace tried to answer every question first. "Stop showing off Grace," laughed Lucy, "Give the others a turn."

# Stop showing off!

## Listen to God!

**Mark 12:35-44**  
(especially 38-44)

Giving is thanking, obeying, trusting God.



Many important and rich people liked to show off by saying long prayers or giving a lot of money to the temple (church). They hoped others would be impressed and think they were obeying God. Jesus said the one who was really obeying and pleasing God was the poor widow. She gave all that she had because she trusted God to take care of her. But the others who gave a lot still had a lot more money in their pockets.



Delbert our dictionary says  
**Temple:** The special, main place of worship for Jews. It was in Jerusalem and where sacrifices were offered to God.



## Talk to God!

Heavenly Father, help us to remember, it's not how much we give, how much we know, or how important we are that matters to you.  
**What matters is trusting you.**

### Complete the crossword puzzle

Across 2. what went into the box

4. the widow was ....

8. what teachers of law did to widows

Down 1. she gave 2 coins

3. teachers of law liked the .... seats

5. people with plenty of money

6. the widow trusted ...

7. rich people gave what they didn't ....

