

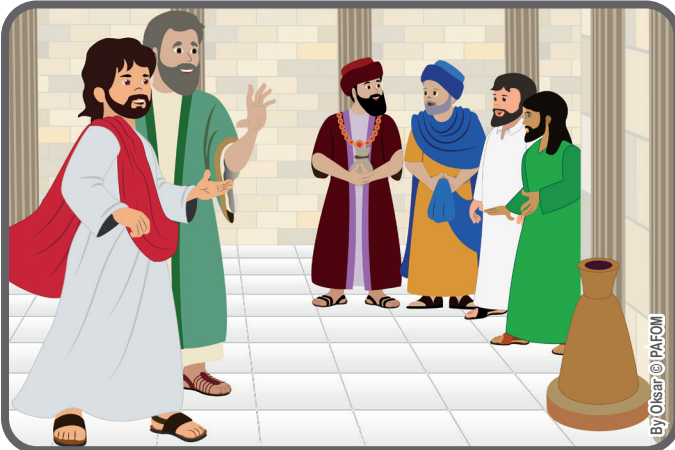
We always have something to give

"She out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mk 12:44)

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Jesus was standing at the entrance to the temple of Jerusalem. He told the people listening to him not to be like those who just want to be admired by others, or who take the first place at banquets, or who like it when people bow to them in public.



That was the place where people gave their offerings. Many people went in and those who were rich gave a lot of money. Instead a very poor woman, a widow, was also in line. Jesus noticed that she gave only two coins - which would be the same as a penny now!



He told the others: "This poor woman gave more than all the others! The rich ones only gave their extra money and instead she, who is so poor, gave all she had to live on."



To remember the real meaning of Christmas, every year we Gen 4 make little statues of Baby Jesus and offer them to people on the street. If anyone gives a donation, we use it for people who are poor. Once a lady came up to our table. She wanted a Baby Jesus but she had very little money, just enough to buy something to eat.



As we always do, we told her she could have one without giving us anything. She was so surprised! She told us: "These days no one gives anything for free! You're really special!" And she insisted on giving us the two Euros she had!



Since we realized that she really didn't have any other money, we gave it back to her. She had tears in her eyes as she thanked us. A little while later a man came by and gave us 10 Euros! Jesus is always very generous! (The Gen 4 from Slovenia)