

## Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

# How can you live for God?

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## Day 1

## THE SO & SO SHOW

Today, watch and write  
down your thoughts!  
You can find each  
week's episode at  
[www.popmn.org/kidvid](http://www.popmn.org/kidvid)

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After watching, write one thing that:

#### 1. You liked:

### 3. You learned:

3. You'd like to know: \_\_\_\_\_

## Day 2

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### Read Mark 12:41-44

As you read Mark 12:41-44, imagine that you are one of the disciples. If you saw people putting large amounts of money into the offering boxes, and one woman putting in only two copper coins, be honest: whose gift would you say was worth more?

Most of us would say the larger gifts were worth more, right? Jesus went on to explain to His followers that it wasn't what the woman gave that was important—it was what she kept for herself: nothing. This woman gave everything she had, because she was putting her trust in God. She was living for Him—total commitment.



## Day 3

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### What is the nicest thing you own?

Or the talent you have that you're the proudest of? Or the friendship that means the most to you? Write your answer(s) in the first blank below.

Now, imagine yourself standing at the offering box and offering that thing, that talent, that relationship to God. This doesn't mean that you won't have it anymore, but just that you'll recognize that God has given you this gift to use for Him. Finish filling in the blanks in the prayer below, and then pray it out loud to tell God you're committing to live for Him.

"Dear God, thank You for the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ I know that you have given me this [item/talent/friendship], and I am very thankful. Help me to use this [item/talent/friendship] to show others your love. Please give me the strength to follow through and to continue practice living for You. Amen."

It is not easy to live out commitment like the poor woman did in Mark 12. It definitely takes practice. And thankfully, we're not doing it alone. Daily, ask God for help, and as you practice living for God, you'll find it gets easier to keep your mind focused on Him which will help you live for Him!

## Day 4

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### Practice living for God.

There are so many ways to practice living for God. There may be some things that come more naturally for you, and other things that take a lot of practice. You may be a pretty patient person, but you struggle with being generous to others. Or maybe you have no trouble sharing, but you often lose your temper.

Sometimes it's hard for us to see our own blind spots—the places where we might need a little practice. That's why it's good we live in community. Your family, your close friends, even your small group leader or teacher can probably see an area where you could use a little extra practice. Today, you're going to do a little research to find out which area of your life you're like the poor widow, giving your all, and which area you could use a little more practice.

Find one person you really trust—someone who will be truthful with you, but also kind and loving. Then ask them these two questions:

- ➔ What is one way you see me living for God?
- ➔ What is one area you think I might need a little practice living for God?

As you process what your trusted friend shares with you, remember, we all need practice living for God each and every day. Just keep practicing, and you'll soon find it becomes more natural to live for God!



## Day 5

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### How can you live for God?

Have you ever wondered what it means to really live for God? Thankfully, Jesus Himself told us exactly what it looks like:

**Love God**  
**Love others**

That means anytime you have to make a decision about the wise thing to do, you just need to ask yourself this question: **"Does this show love to God and to others?"**

Grab a blank sheet of paper and write this out using creative lettering. Use markers, colored pencils, stickers, whatever you'd like, to make it fun. (If designing something on the computer and printing it is more your style, that works too!)

Now hang the question somewhere you will see it every single day. And maybe even write it in your school notebook and put another copy in your sports equipment bag or your backpack. If you ask yourself these questions, it will help keep your mind on God. It will help you think about how Jesus lived and loved others. It will help you **practice living for God**.