

“Things of God: Coin”

A Lenten Reading

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What This Readers Theater explores the significance of a coin today, and how, though they are small things on their own, they can add up to a lot. The coin is compared to sin, and we're reminded that all the coins in the world could never add up to the cost of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Themes: Lent, Easter, Redeemed, Cross, Sacrifice, Sin

Who Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3

When Now

Wear (Props) Readers may dress in black, or in clothing of their choosing. Coordinating binders should be used to hold the script.

Why Matthew 26:15

How This is a reader's theater piece. All Readers need to work together to maintain a consistent rhythm. It should feel as if one person is reading. For more ideas watch How to Perform a Reader's Theatre on SkitGuys.com.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

Readers enter, take their places, and open their notebooks.

Reader 1: Coin. Noun. A flat, typically round piece of metal with an official stamp, used as money.

Reader 2: Common. Plentiful. You have a jar full at home.

Reader 3: I've got a pocketful of them right now.

Reader 1: Convenience stores have a tray full you can take to make up that tiny amount over your dollar.

Reader 3: You talk about them more than you realize.

Reader 2: Flip a coin.

Reader 1: Stop on a dime.

Reader 3: Penny for your thoughts.

Reader 2: Don't take any wooden nickels.

Reader 1: Cost me a pretty penny.

Reader 3: Not worth a plug nickel.

Reader 3: They're a dime a dozen.

Reader 2: They're two sides of the same coin.

Reader 1: Find a penny, pick it up ...

All: All day long you'll have good luck.

Reader 1: A single coin is almost worthless.

Reader 2: Good only for a gumball or a song on the jukebox.

Reader 1: And yet...in great numbers...they add up.

Reader 3: A few years ago, Thomas Daigle made his last mortgage payment with sixty-two thousand pennies.

Reader 2: A Virginia man paid sales tax at the DMV with nearly three hundred thousand pennies.

Reader 3: Little things add up.

Reader 1: Small decisions pile up to make big changes.

Reader 2: Good.

Reader 3: Bad.

Reader 1: It all adds up.

Reader 2: Small sins.

Reader 3: Tiny lies.

Reader 2: Little baby indiscretions.

Reader 1: A concession to temptation here and there.

Reader 3: But pretty soon...it all adds up.

Reader 2: The book of James says that after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Reader 1: We must count the cost of each decision.

Reader 2: Like a kid at Chuck-E-Cheese torn between skee-ball or the crane machine...think carefully how you will spend your coin.

Reader 3: Think carefully how you will act in the dark when no one is watching.

Reader 1: Think carefully about twisting the truth.

Reader 2: Think carefully about that extra glance in the wrong direction.

Reader 3: Think carefully about helping yourself to a little more than your share.

Reader 2: After all...it adds up.

Reader 1: A burden so heavy we cannot bear it.

Reader 3: A debt so enormous we could never pay it.

Reader 1: But though the weight of the burden would break us...

Reader 2: Though the balance on the tally sheet of our sin seems written in indelible ink...

Reader 3: There is One who carried that burden.

Reader 1: There is One who marked the balance paid.

Reader 2: Infinite coins and currency could never equal the price he paid.

Reader 3: Remember the hill called Calvary.

Reader 1: Remember Christ's love.

Reader 2: Remember the cost.

All: Remember the cross.

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