

Hello St. Barts Families! Below, I have put together family, faith and fun activities that you can do at home, at your convenience. This follows our Lectionary calendar for November 14th, the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and has Thanksgiving in mind!

Joyous beginnings: please light a candle, click on the link and enjoy the video!

[Grateful](#) written by Nimo Patel & Daniel Nahmod

Prayer

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Bible Reading: Poor Widow's Offering

Mark 12: 41-44

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow had put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Reflection Questions for younger youth and older youth to ponder



What was the difference between what the rich man gave and what the poor widow gave?

If one person had a big bag full of candy and gave a friend who had none, 5 pieces of candy, but still had a pretty full bag for themselves and another person only had 2 pieces of candy but gave the friend both pieces and left nothing for themselves, who do you think gave the most?



Why do you think the poor widow gave all that she had?



What do you think that the people around her could have done, knowing that she gave all of her money that she had to live on to the treasury? What would you have done?

Thanksgiving prayer

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them.

Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Craft- to celebrate the autumn season (easy peezy on the skill needed!)

Shaving cream marbled leaves

You can make these leaves to use as place cards for Thanksgiving dinner, decorations, or to write a pledge of 1 kind act of giving that you plan to do to spread joy.

Suggestions for kind acts for kids could be: to play a game with your little sister/brother and let him/her pick, or help in the kitchen with meals or clearing the table, or make a card for an elderly neighbor.

Here is a link as well to the marbled leaf directions with pictures

[Shaving Cream Marbling Autumn Leaves - The Imagination Tree](#)

Materials

- ~ paper- Thicker cardstock seems to work the best
- ~ shaving cream
- ~ a few different colors of paint
- ~ a paint brush
- ~ scissors
- ~ an aluminum foil tray or baking pan
- ~ a leaf template- You can draw a leaf to cut out, or we just collected a few leaves from our yard and traced them.

Directions

1. Spray some shaving cream into a shallow tray and spread it out
2. Add some different colored paints (we found that 3 colors to work well, but it is fun to try lots of combinations)
3. Swirl it around with a paintbrush
4. Cut out your leaves and place the paper on top of the shaving cream and paint
5. Carefully pick up the leaves out of the cream
6. Let the paint set for a few minutes and then scrape off the excess
7. Let dry

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, November 21st at 2:30pm- Fall family gathering at St. Barts
- Saturday, December 4th from 9:00am-2:00-pm- St. Barts Christmas Fair
- Friday, December 24th- Please save the date for a Christmas Eve afternoon family gathering, outside at St. Barts to celebrate. We plan to have a low-key event with caroling and some possible Bible readings.

With joy,

Michelle