

About Mite Boxes

Placing small coins in a designated box, as a thank offering, is an established Christian tradition. Rather than making a large gift of significant impact, this practice cultivates a habit of thanksgiving.

The story of “the widow’s mite” comes from Luke’s gospel:

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.” Luke 21: 1-4

What does “mite” mean?

mite [mahyt] **noun**

1. a contribution that is small but is all that a person can afford.
2. a very small sum of money.
3. a coin of very small value.
4. a very small object.
5. a very small creature.

How to Use Your Mite Box at Home:

- **Create a “sacred space” for Lent (see the Education tab)**
- **Get a couple of rolls of quarters from the bank**
- **Choose a time to gather (breakfast, dinner, bedtime; whatever works for you)**
- **Take turns naming what you are grateful for that day, placing a coin in the box as you do so**
- **Parents: accept what your child says; this is a good time to suspend “being parental” and teaching them a better way. Simply demonstrating that you are serious about naming your own gratefulness is the most important thing you can do.**

***Bring your offering to church on Palm Sunday
(or Easter Day if you forget).***

You are welcome to write a check to replace the coins.