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## Local Church Budget

Some parents hand their young child something to put in the offering. When does that stop?

Let's try it today, but let's involve everyone! Do you have something to put in the offering plate today? If not, get something right now, even if it's an empty tithe envelope.

In a moment, I'm going to invite you to give your offering to someone else to put into the plate today, but first, I want you to think about what you are giving and the reason you're giving it. Some of you may have already given your tithes and offerings this month, or maybe you give online, so you aren't giving anything today during the church service. That's fine. You can explain that.

Let me repeat the two questions:

1. What are you giving today?
2. Why are you giving it?

*Let's have everyone stand now (wait for everyone to stand). Please move into groups of two. If you see someone left out, you can form a group of three to make sure everyone's included. Once you're together, sit down together for a moment and share your answers to our two questions. (Pause and help people get together with others for this sharing experience.)*

Okay, let's take about 60 seconds for you to give the other person what you were going to put into the offering today and share your reason why you're giving as well. (Notify at 30 seconds and end around 60 seconds).

Now we'll collect the offering, and please give what has been given to you this Sabbath.