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Title: In God We Trust

Theme: Every time you find a penny, remember what it says and ask yourself if you are really trusting in God.

Object: Pennies having the inscription “In God We Trust.” Other coins and bills which say the same.

Text: Psalm 56:11 (NKJV) In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Have you ever found a penny like this as you were walking along? [Hold up penny.]

Maybe it was on the sidewalk or in a parking lot or maybe it was on the floor.

Did you pick it up and put it in your pocket so you could put it in your piggy bank at home?

Today, pennies aren’t worth very much.

I don’t think there’s anything you can buy for just one penny.

So most people don’t want to bend over to pick up the penny; it’s not worth the effort.

And some people when they get pennies for change at the store, they just leave them there in a little cup.

They don’t want to be bothered carrying around a penny because it’s not worth much.

Now back when I was a kid, you could still buy something with a penny.

You could buy penny candy, or you could buy a gum ball out of a gum ball machine. You put your penny in, crank the lever, and out of the machine would roll a ball if bubble gum that you could chew.

At a store, you could buy a piece of Bazooka bubble gum or a piece of Double-Bubble bubble gum for just a penny.

But nowadays, you can’t buy anything with a penny so people don’t even pick them up.

Some people pick up a penny because they think it will bring them good luck.

But there is another reason that I think we ought to pick up a penny when we find it.

A penny has four very important words on it. Who knows how to read? What does it say on this penny?

This is the motto of the United States of America: “In God We Trust.”

Isn’t that a wonderful motto?

It reminds me of the Bible verse we read today: David wrote these words in Ps 56: “In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid.”

Every penny, every coin, every dollar bill, has our country’s motto on it: “In God We Trust.”

So when you find a penny, or any coin, pick it up, read it, and remember what it says.

Stop for a moment and think about it. Ask yourself the question: “Am I trusting in God right now?”

Is Jesus my Savior? Am I trusting in Him? Do I believe that He died on the cross for my sins? Do I believe that He rose from the dead, and He’s coming back some day to take us to be with Him forever?

Am I really trusting in God like it says on this penny?

There’s no more important question that you can ask yourself.

How many are trusting in Jesus today? Let’s tell Him we trust in Him right now.

[After prayer, scatter some pennies for kids to find on the way back to their seats.]

Now don’t forget to look for a penny, and let it remind you to trust in God.