

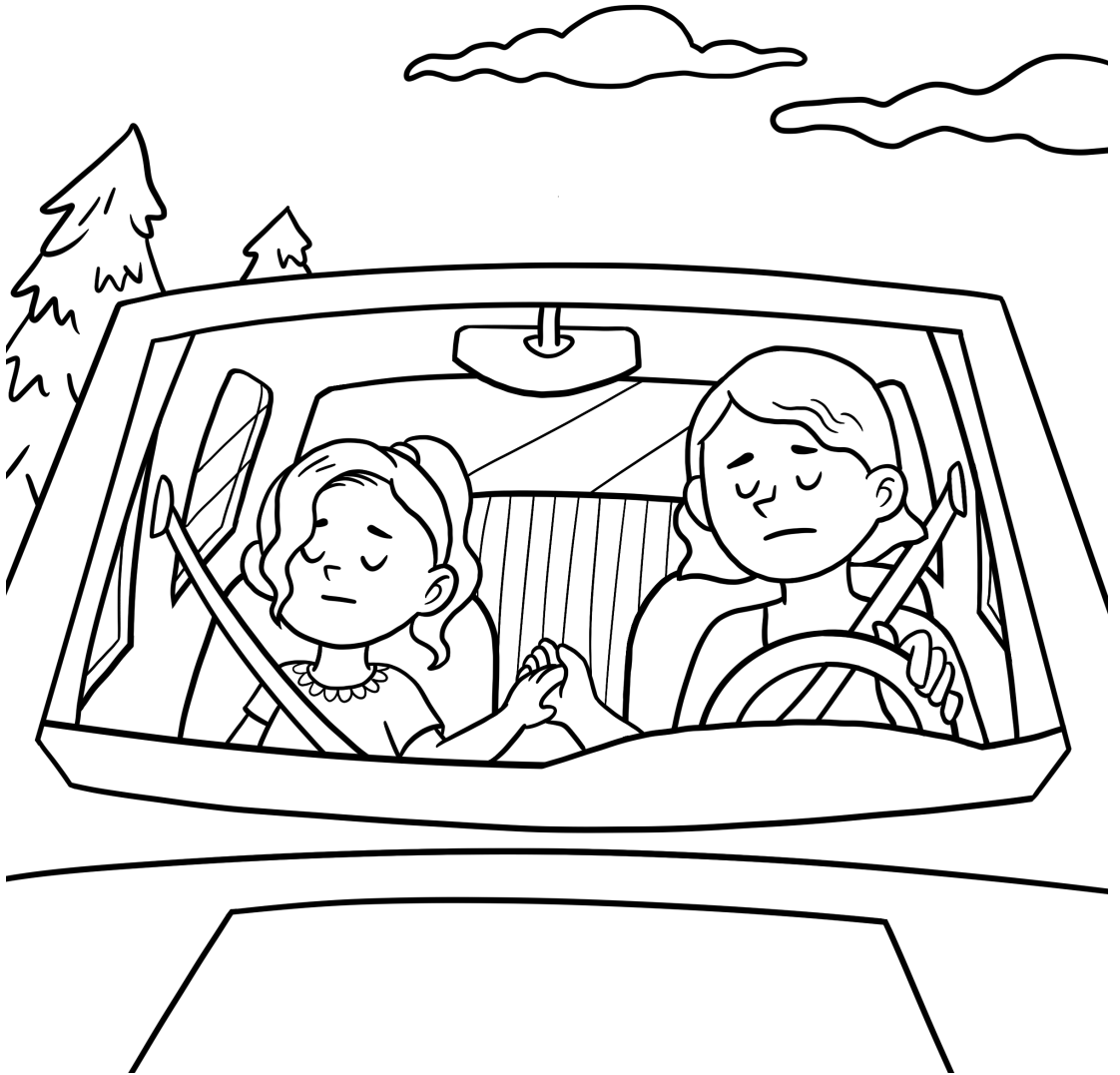
# THE THANKFULNESS JAR



Based on a  
true story



Julia's mommy stopped the car along the roadside. While loading groceries at the store, she had put her cell phone and wallet on the car's bumper. But she forgot to pick them up again. Three miles down the road, she remembered what she had done. She said a quick prayer and ran to the back bumper. Mommy found her phone tucked between the bumper and the car, but her wallet was gone.



Mommy and Julia prayed together, then drove back to the store.



There, in the middle of the busy road, lay Mommy's wallet. After she picked it up, they thanked God for helping them find it.



Driving home, Mommy told Julia the story of the Thanksgiving Jar a Christian named Corrie ten Boom had kept in her home. Corrie's family would put coins in a jar to thank God for His blessings. Then they would give the money to the poor when the jar was full.

"Let's do that, Mommy!" said Julia. "Jesus helped you find everything you lost today!"



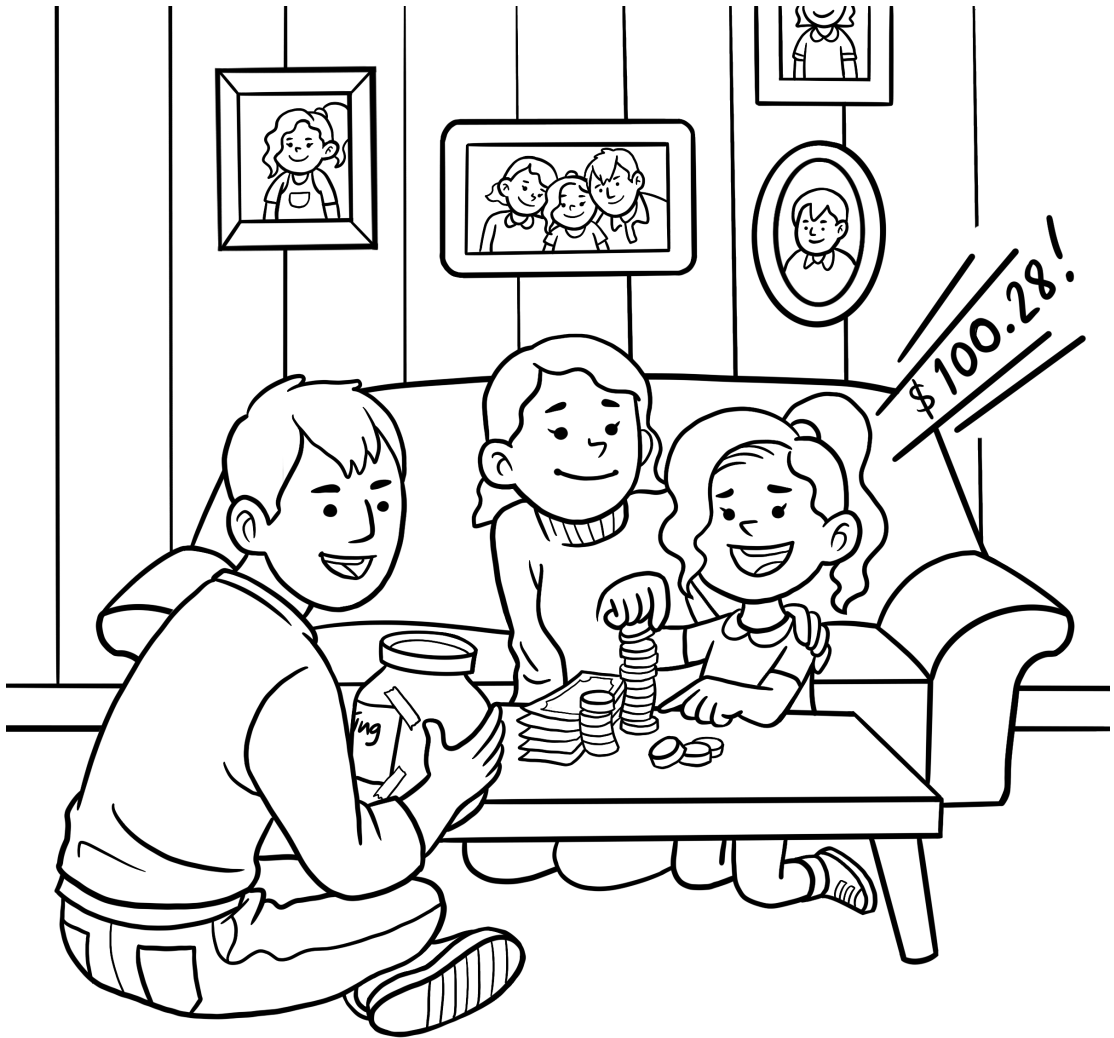
Julia cleaned an empty bean can. She wrote the words Thankfulness Jar in big letters on a piece of paper. Then she wrote Psalm 50:23 - "Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation." She placed the paper on the can and set the can in the middle of the table.

"This will be our Thankfulness Jar!"

Then Julia ran off to find coins to put in the jar to thank God for their day.



Days and weeks passed, but not everything was easy. The family lost pets, cars stopped working, and water pipes froze in the cold winter. But when bad things happened, Julia's family still praised God. They thanked Him for good days, family and friends, and all the blessings He gave them. And they kept dropping coins in the Thankfulness Jar.



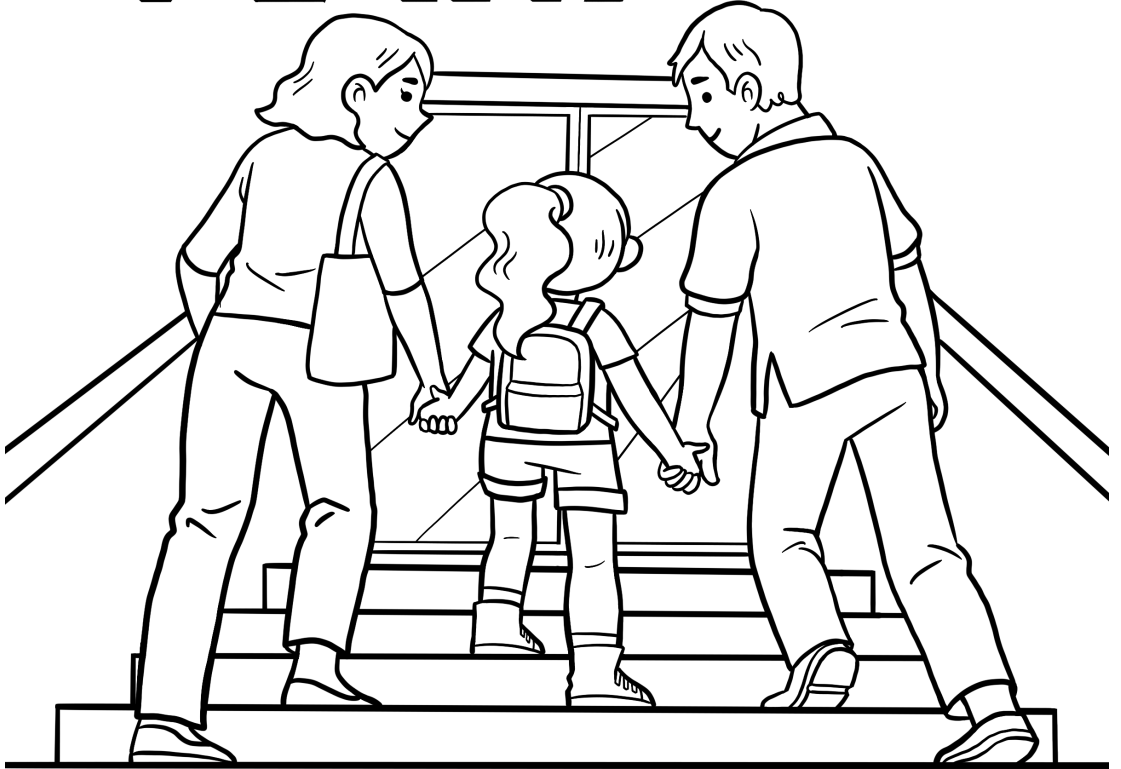
It took more than a year before the jar was full. Daddy, Mommy, and Julia sat at the table, dumped the coins, and began counting. Julia's eyes grew big as the number grew higher.

"We have \$100.28!" she shouted.

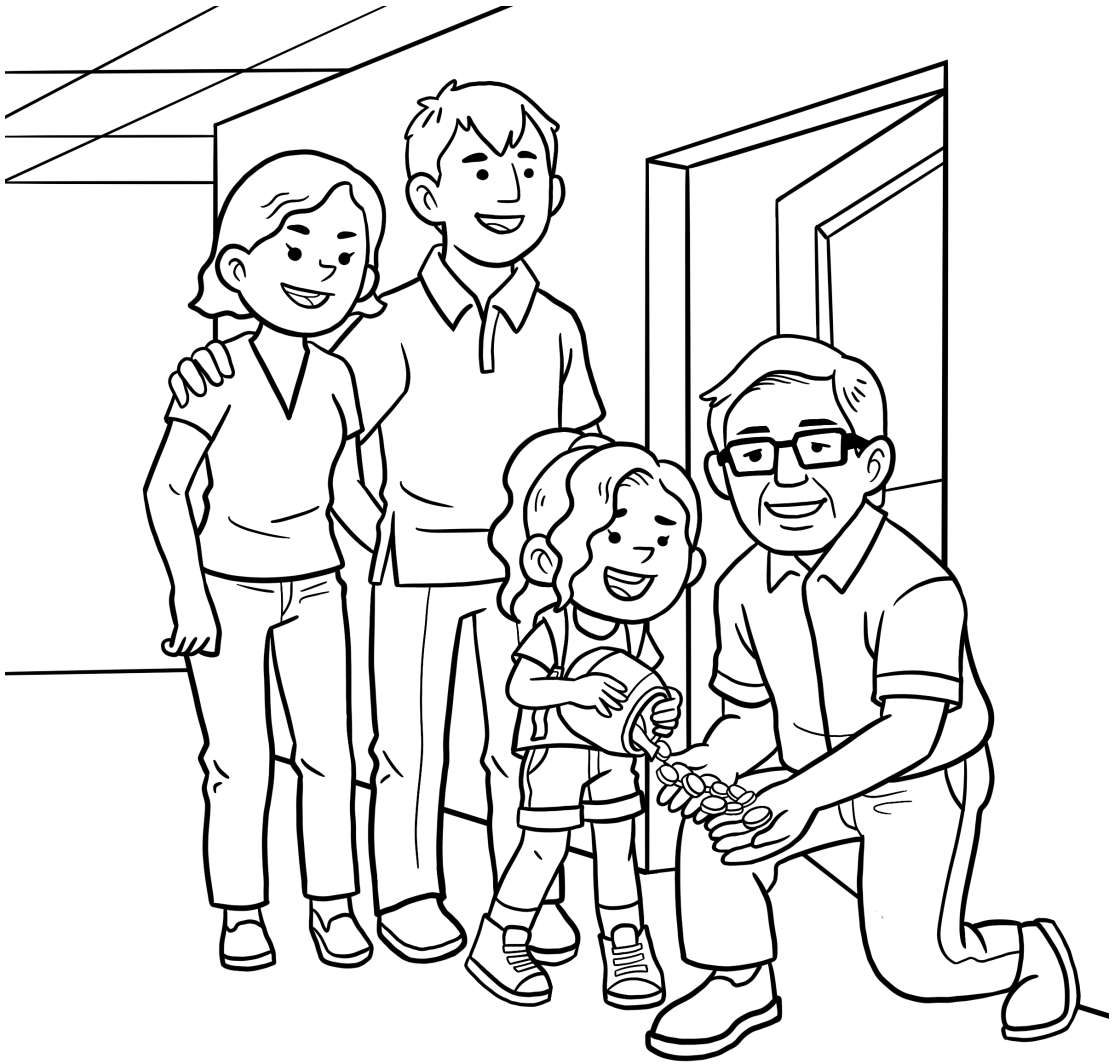


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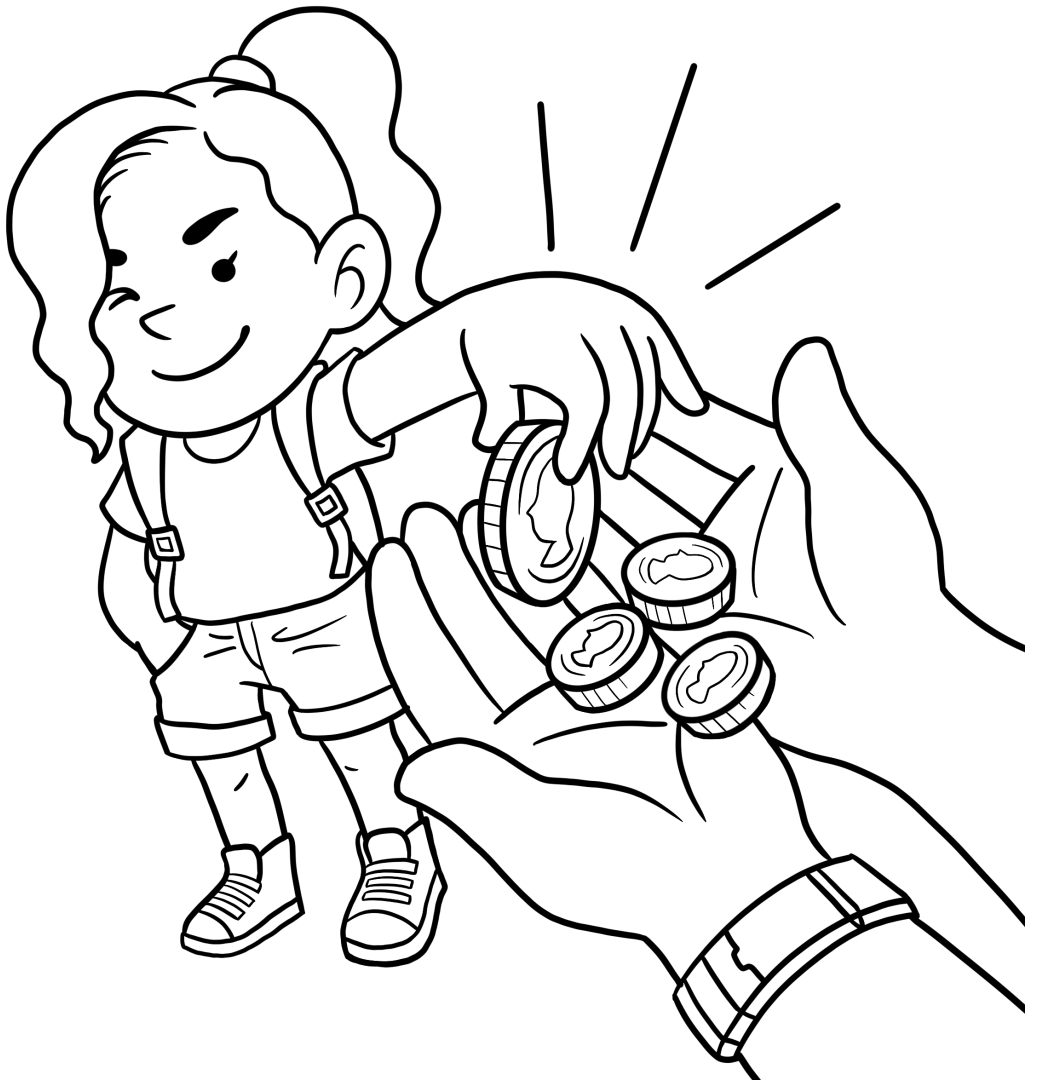


Even though it was past Christmas time, the family pulled out the Gift Catalog from Advancing Native Missions. They knew that giving could happen all year, so they made a trip to the nearby ANM office to deliver the gift in person.



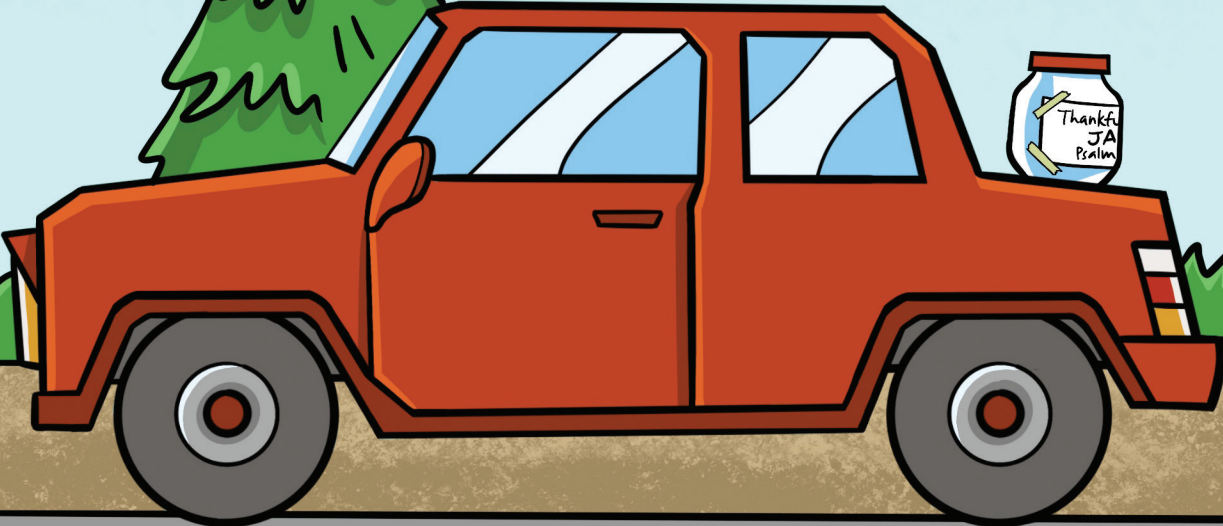
Ron from ANM met them at the door. Julia jumped up and down with joy as she poured the coins from the Thankfulness Jar into his hands.

"That is \$100!" she said. "Mommy wants to buy a bag of rice, Daddy wants to give medicines, and I want to buy two hundred frogs!"



Julia dug out the extra twenty-eight cents from her pocket and said, "You can put this wherever you want."

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