Little Disciples, Not Little Vendors

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The Three T’s

- Time
- Talent
- Treasure
Underlying Values

- Identity
- Trust
- Gratitude
- Love

Treasure

- Give the first and the best
- Need to give, before giving to a need
- Teach children they also need to give, similar to the poor

Tithe of the Tithe

- Use envelopes
- Use baskets without handles
- Mail or electronic giving
- Out of $10 from adults, $1 go to charity
- Children's gift all go to charity
How not to do it!

Selling things turns little children into little vendors

Little Vendors
- Candy bars
- Wrapping papers
- Pizza kits
- Popcorn
- Flower bulbs
- You name it

Bake Sales

- Instead of mom and dad paying for bake sales, why not give money to their children for the offertory collection

How to do it! Little Disciples!
Train them while they're young!

No amount is too small

Special Collection Jar

- Children invited to bring their gifts to the altar after the intercession
- Good-size jar with liner in liturgical color in front of ambo

Children’s Charity Account

1. Children who make a pledge will receive their own envelopes
2. All contributions in children’s envelopes go to Children’s Charity account.
4. Funds in the Children’s Charity Account are distributed by the children themselves through the parish school, R.E. or Youth ministries.