

Progressive Pocket Change

Big Idea: Turn pennies and nickels into changed lives

Supplies Needed: student collectors and counters

Age Level: high school

Some years back a friend of mine used this unique concept to practically fund an entire mission trip in just one month. The larger your congregation is, the larger the potential for success. You'll need permission from your senior pastor or church board to do this fundraiser, but it works!

A couple of weeks before launching your Month of Pocket Change fundraiser, begin promoting this opportunity for church members to help fund the youth mission trip through their coin contributions. You'll do this month-long fundraiser over four progressive Sundays.

On the first Sunday, invite the congregation to bring pennies. You'll be amazed at how much you can collect from this first step alone. Many people have hundreds or thousands of pennies in jars and other containers. Invite them to give!