

A yellow drawstring bag is tilted, spilling a large pile of silver coins. The coins are scattered across the surface, with some overlapping. The background is a plain, light color.

# 30 Pieces of Silver

## A Spy Wednesday Activity

For this activity, you will need 30 quarters. This activity works best with two or more children.

1. Hide the 30 quarters.
2. Invite your children to find all the quarters.
3. See who found the most quarters and who found the least.
4. Discussion Question:
  - Are you happy with how many quarters you found? Why or why not?
  - Why might someone not be happy with what they have?
5. Sometimes people want more than they have, even if they don't need more. Today is called Spy Wednesday as we reflect on Judas betraying Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. But even before Judas betrayed Jesus he struggled with the temptation of greed, he wanted what was not his. Temptations are when we think about doing something we know is wrong. It is not a sin to think about doing something wrong. But if we give in to temptation and do something we know is wrong, that is a sin.
6. Read John 12:3-6
  - Mary did something nice for someone else. She gave Jesus a special gift, by anointing his feet. Mary showed Jesus she loved him, a lot!
  - Who was Judas thinking about?
  - Judas was thinking about himself and not about others.
7. Read Matthew 26:14-16
  - Why did Judas betray Jesus?
  - Have you ever wanted something so much that you were tempted to do something you knew was wrong? How did you overcome the temptation?
  - What can we do to make sure we are more like Mary and think about others first?
  - What is something we could do with the quarters we found to be like Mary, and show Jesus we love him?
    - Put them in the rice bowl
    - Donate them to charity
    - Use them to do something nice for someone else