

Penny War Fundraiser

1-2-3-4, We declare a Penny War!

Penny War is a fun and competitive way to raise funds for the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions. This fundraiser involves real coins and strategy, giving the participants the chance to have an active role in the fundraising activity.

ITEMS

- Mason Jars (or clear containers)
- Jar labels

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Each small group, ministry, or team has its own mason jar. Label each jar clearly with a team name, and place the jars in a central location accessible to all participants.
 - Invite participants to donate pennies, silver coins, or dollar bills to the jar of the team they are supporting throughout the fundraiser.
 - The team with the most points wins the fundraiser.
Tip: Provide a prize for the winning team.
 - Participants may donate pennies and dollar bills to add points to a team's jar.
 - Participants may also donate silver coins to subtract points from a team's jar (ex: nickels, dimes, and quarters).
 - » By depositing silver coins into a rival team's jar, participants can sabotage other teams by deducting points from their competitors.
 - » Example: If your team has 100 pennies collected = 100 points. If a rival team deposits 4 quarters (25 points x 4) into your jar, it would deduct 100 points and leave you at 0 points.
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POINT SYSTEM

ADDING POINTS

Each Penny =	+1 point
\$1 bill =	+100 points
\$5 bill =	+500 points
\$10 bill =	+1,000 points

SUBTRACTING

Nickel =	-5 points
Dime =	-10 points
Quarter =	-25 points

TIPS:

Children Participants:

If all participants are children, keep the Penny War simple by only allowing penny donations. 1 penny = 1 point. The team with the most points by the end of the Penny War wins.

To make the fundraiser more profitable, yet simple, change the rules to 1 coin = 1 point.

Progress Announcements:

If your fundraiser will span multiple weeks, create charts to display near the containers that indicate each team's progress at the end of each week. To make the fundraiser more exciting, make progress announcements during the "Penny War".

Counting The Donations:

At the end of the Penny War, counting the change can be a time-consuming process. You can mitigate this challenge by counting the donations daily or every other day.

Before you begin counting, double-check with your bank on their preferred deposit method for coins. Some banks require all coins to be wrapped, while others allow loose coin deposits.

If you do not have volunteers to count the coins collected, try using a coin-sorting machine. Fees may apply.