

Home Family Worship with Kids 31. October 18th, 2020

Matthew 22:15-22. The question about paying taxes.

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Watch: Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0JXVAaLH8> (The second half of this video matches the Bible reading)

OBJECT SUGGESTED: A blank journal or diary

Many people like to write in diaries or journals. Some do it to keep track of what they do every day. They may also record the daily temperature and weather conditions.

Some people take a journal with them when they travel and jot down where they went and what they saw.

Others record their thoughts and feelings in a journal and the journal may begin to feel like a friend.

Keeping a journal or a diary is a wonderful way to express yourself and can help you become more creative - you may feel like writing stories and poems in your journal.

One of the best ways to use a journal is to keep track of the things for which you are thankful. In the Bible Jesus says, "Give therefore to Caesar (the emperor) the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (22:21).

Let's think about "the things that are God's." What would that be? Yes, everything. God created everything - the colourful sunsets, sunshine, raindrops, ladybugs, eagles, forests, mountains, friends, bananas, tomatoes, roses, - everything. The way to honour God is to give back to God what he has given us. The way we do that is to let him know that we are thankful for the gifts he has given us.

Every day, in a journal, list two or three things for which you are thankful. If you aren't in the habit of writing in a journal, perhaps you could start one. If you are just learning to write, ask mum or dad to help you record "thankful things" in your journal before you go to sleep each night.

Every day you will find many things for which to give thanks and you will be giving to God "the things that are God's." Don't be surprised if you feel more happy and blessed.

Songs: I'll follow Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dx6RWOUf1M8>

Thankful https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_ewLEvA8_o

King of Me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks6zI2hL2Uk>

Go Fish - My God https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_eRnFOoXaE

Activity 1: Remember Jesus said to give to the government what is the governments and to God what is God's.

God gave Jesus to us. He sent him to love us and forgive us. He shows us what God wants us to do for others. To love and serve them too. Make a card, or a gift, or help someone in response to our story today.

Activity 2: Be Thankful for what God has given to us.

Take a walk around the neighbourhood and look at all the things that belong to God, the things that God has made for us. When you get home you can make a poster or paper chain with the things you saw.



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