

Family Worship at Home. November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mark 12:38-40

**Message:** Do you like to dress up? What do you like to dress up as most?

You get to pretend that you are someone else, someone that you usually are not.

In today's Bible story, there are two parts to it. First, Jesus tells his disciples that the Pharisees are pretending to be people that they are not...except they are pretending ALL OF THE TIME! And the second part is about a lady who gives all that she has to God.

We are looking at what Jesus says about the Pharisees.

Jesus says that the Pharisees are religious leaders who only pretend to want to know God better.

And one of the things they do in their pretending is wear a costume of long robes that make them seem like they are paying attention to God even though they are not. In other words, the Pharisees did not do what their costume would make you think they would be doing.

Just because we wear certain clothes that does not mean we are actually Superman or Wonder woman or a cat.

Now, it just so happened that there was another teacher for the disciples to learn from – someone who was not a Pharisee.

There was a teacher who did not pretend to pay attention to God, but actually did. He told others about God. And he didn't wear a fancy costume or uniform to try and convince the disciples to pay attention to him.

This person was, of course, Jesus.

Watch this clip about Jesus and the Pharisees. [Jesus Fights the Pharisees - YouTube](#)

Since Jesus wasn't pretending, his disciples could trust his teachings and that his actions were real, and his love for others was real.

And, just like the disciples learned from Jesus, we can too.

We can do this by reading and talking about the Jesus stories in the Bible – just like we're doing today.

And the more we learn from Jesus, the more we learn to pay attention to God just like Jesus did, which allows us to do the same things Jesus did. To love others – without having to pretend.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you for knowing us as we really are, on the inside as well as on the outside, and loving us anyway. Help us to want to know you more and to love others as much as we love ourselves. Give us thankfulness for our blessings and help us to love and help others who could use our help. Amen.

**Clip:** Who are Pharisees and Scribes [Who were the scribes and Pharisees? CQ Kids - YouTube](#)

**Songs:** [God Made Me Special - YouTube](#)

[Jesus You're My Superhero - YouTube](#)

**Activity:** Impractical clothing – The Pharisees made their tassels impractically long, this game ties into this. You will need to set up a series of obstacles the kids need to pass through and lay out some oversized clothing. The first time through the obstacles the kid(s) can go without any extra clothes but the second time round they need to choose one item to wear. Talk about how their new fashion choice hindered their movement.