

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21

Some Jewish leaders, called Pharisees, wanted to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. So they went to him and said, 'Teacher, we know that you are honest and that you always teach the truth about God. We know that you are not afraid of what other people will say about you. You treat everyone the same. So tell us what you think about this – should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?' Jesus knew they were trying to trick him, so he said, 'You phonies! Why are you trying to trick me? Show me the money you use to pay your taxes.'

Jesus looked at it and said, 'Whose picture is on this money, and whose name?'

They answered, 'Caesar's.'

So Jesus said,

'Well then, give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Caesar was the Roman emperor back then. He pretty much ruled everything.

Have you ever tried to trick someone with a tricky question? What happened?

C H I L D R E N ' S
L I T U R G Y

CAN WE TALK
ABOUT IT

Today's Gospel shows an interesting truth about life. That although God should be the most important thing in our life, we still have to do everything else: go to school, clean up, be good to our neighbours.

When Jesus told the Pharisees 'give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God,' He shows that we can't pretend to ignore the world around us.

But we also must not get confused on who our heart REALLY belongs to - God!

ALL JUMBLED UP

Can you unscramble these words from the Gospel?

Word List:
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AMAZED
PLANS
WORDS
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COLOUR IT IN

Colour in Jesus discussing with the tricky Pharisees.

