

Give to God what belongs to God Activity

Read - Matthew 22:15-21

Discuss – The Pharisees were jealous of Jesus because he was so popular with the people, and he often criticized the Pharisees. They were expecting him to tell the people to give their money to God and not to the Romans. The Pharisees knew that anyone who did not pay their taxes was immediately arrested and punished.

Did Jesus tell the people to stop giving their money in taxes to the Romans? Jesus answered this trick question wisely. He told the people to give back to Caesar what belonged to him, but at the same time, to give back to God what belonged to God.

If not money, what do you think Jesus wanted the people to give to God? He wanted them to return the love which God gave to them. We, too, can share everything with our heavenly father by giving him the gift of ourselves: all that we are and all that we have.

Do – As family think of one everyday thing each family member could offer to God as a sign of their love for him. It could be like...tidying a room, making someone smile, or saying a prayer. Each member could draw a picture or cut out of magazines pictures of whatever they choose and pin it on the board with the caption, "We offer our lives to God." Print the following page and have family members color and put on the board with the offerings to God.

Pray –

*Father in heaven, I give you today,
All that I think and do and say.
Fill me with grace and make me strong,
With you at my side I won't go wrong.*

