

Children's Church at Home 18 October 2020

Matthew 22:15-22 pay to Caesar

Craft ingredients: card, paper, pens, scissors, Pritt stick, a black and white print out of a photo of you!

Introduction: would you rather ...

Go to a party or play quietly at home?

Compete in the Olympics or go wild swimming?

Go to a theme park or a zoo?

Act in a play or go to the cinema?

Live at the beach or in the mountains?

Story: Matthew 22:15-22

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+22%3A15-22&version=ERV>

Video: <https://youtu.be/CLmcEZ54cmc>

Quiz: What were the Jewish leaders trying to do? What did they ask Jesus? What did he use to give them an answer? Were they happy with the answer? What did they do?

Think: The Jewish leaders were trying to trick Jesus. Do you think that's possible? Do you know the story of Puss in Boots? And Beauty and the Beast? Are there any tricksters in those stories? Do they deserve what happens to them? God loves us so much, we don't have to deserve his love, we just need to love him and follow him. Jesus didn't like the tricksters in the story and he doesn't want us to be tricksters either.

Craft: What are you like? What do you look like? And what sort of person are you? Can you think of 5 words or phrases which describe you? Create a self-portrait using a print-out of you.

Activity: play follow my leader. Take it in turns to lead other people in your family around the house and garden. Go fast and slow, in and out, over and under, mime eating an ice cream or going to sleep ... it could be quite funny!

Prayer: Loving Jesus, you love us just the way we are. All we have to do is love you in return and do our best to follow you. Help us when we are tempted to be tricky and show us that your way is always the best way. Please bless all our family and friends and our classmates and teachers. Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.