Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do we "give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what belongs to God"?
- Has anyone else ever tried to get you into trouble? How did you respond?
- If you were to ask Jesus one question, what would you ask?

Jesus Was Questioned

Matthew 22; Mark 12; Luke 20

STORY POINT: JESUS SPOKE WITH WISDOM AND AUTHORITY.

The religious leaders decided to ask tricky questions to catch Jesus saying something wrong. They sent some men to Him. The men said, "Teacher, is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

"Why are you trying to trick Me?" He asked. "Show Me the coin you use to pay taxes."

The men brought Him a denarius. Jesus asked, "Whose picture is on the coin?"

"Caesar's," they answered.

Jesus said, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what belongs to God."

The men were amazed at what Jesus said, and they went away.

Later, the religious leaders came to question Jesus again. "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?" they asked.

Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second most important command is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Then Jesus asked the religious leaders a question: "Whose son is the Messiah?"

"David's," they said.

"How can that be?" Jesus asked. "David called the Messiah 'Lord.' Why would he do that if the Messiah is his son?"

The religious leaders didn't know what to say. Their plan had failed, and no one was brave enough to ask Him any more questions.

Christ Connection: When the religious leaders questioned Jesus, He answered with wisdom and power. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. He is the Word of God, who came to show us exactly what God is like. Jesus has authority in heaven and on earth.



Can You Spot the Truth?

Circle the statements that are true, and cross out the statements that are false.

