



Sunday, October 18, 2020

Paying Taxes 22:15-22



What's the Big Idea?

Religious leaders tried to trick Jesus, but Jesus wouldn't fall for it. Instead, Jesus taught them to do the math:

God made you + Jesus says "Give to God the things that are God's" = **Give yourself to God.**

Ask each other what you remember about these words from today's story:



The coin named in today's story, a denarius, was worth a day's wage for a common laborer in Jesus' time. Jesus had to ask for a denarius, because he did not have one in his possession.

Read the story!

In your Spark Story Bible, read pages 306-307.

Can you find Squiggles?



Need a Bible? Contact Sarah!

Live It Together

Try one or both of these together as a family!

1. Today's story tells us we look like God ("everything God made is stamped with the image of God"). Play *I Spy with My Little Eye Someone Who Looks Like God*.

2. Demonstrate how your family gives itself to God. Huddle up and try to slide a pre-tied ribbon or piece of yarn (or duct tape) around your family. While you're bundled together, talk about the ways you serve God as one family unit!

Talk About It

Enjoy time of curiosity and conversation with a trusted grown up:

1. Have you ever bought something? What did you buy? Act it out! Play store as you share stories of what you buy.
2. Why did the leaders want to trick Jesus? Have you ever tried to trick someone?
3. Grown ups, talk to your kids about how you pay taxes in your family, and how you decide on what to pledge to your church.
4. If God looks like our family, what does God look like? Talk about this in both the literal and figurative sense.
5. **Pray:** Dear God, Help us to find out what it means to give to God the things that are God's. When we help others, and read the Bible, and pray—we feel close to you, God. Please help us to do more of those things. Give our family the focus and energy to follow your ways . AMEN.

Memorize It

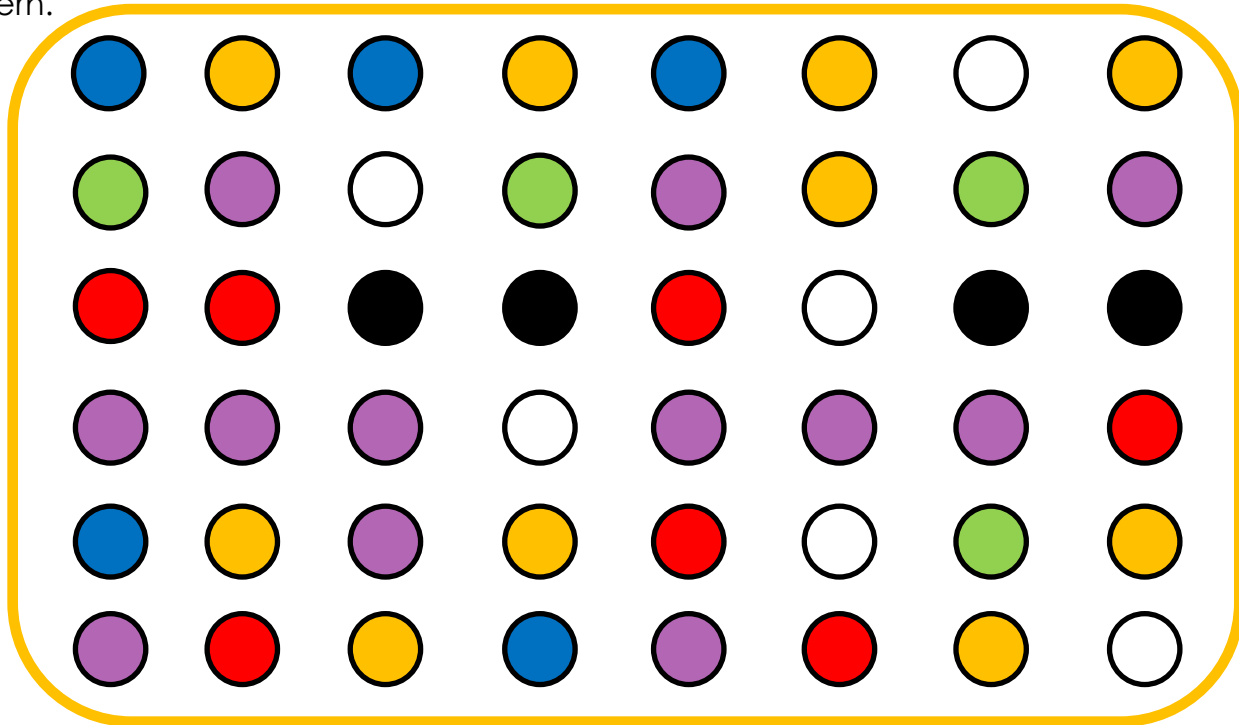
Have a grown up help you text or email a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah and she'll add a star under your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! When you get to 10 stars, Sarah will send you a fun prize.

Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's. Matthew 22:21b

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Tricky Coin Patterns

Jesus told the religious leaders to give coins to the emperor. The emperor's picture was on the coins. Look at the patterns of coins below. Color in the blank coin to complete each pattern.



“Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s,” said Jesus.