



**Giving To God**  
**Matthew 22:15-22**  
**October 18, 2020**

**Opening Prayer:** Loving God, we thank you for bringing us together today to hear and understand your will for our lives. Be with us as we prepare for you to come into our lives. Amen.

**The Story:** Tell the story from reading it from your bible (be sure it is age appropriate) OR

- Watch this [Video](#)
- Tell the children- In Jesus' time, you had to pay taxes with a coin that had the image of the Emperor, Caesar on it and an inscription that read "Tiberius Caesar, august son of the divine Augustus, high priest." The Jewish community saw this as offensive because it was saying that the emperor was a high priest. These coins had the image of the emperor on them. I wonder where you see the image of God? Allow the children to respond- *Human beings, creation, our gifts and talents, etc.*

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**Reflections**

- I wonder why the people were trying to trick Jesus into answering a tricky question?
- I wonder what Jesus meant when he said, "give to the emperor the things that are the emperors."
- I wonder what Jesus meant when he said give to "God the things that are God's?"
- I wonder how we give to God?

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## Activity:

**Giving Collage.** Talk about the many ways we see God in the world. How can we give back to God. Create a collage of pictures and words that show how you can give to God.

OR

**Giving Mobile-** A mobile is something you can hang from the ceiling or a door as a decoration and as a reminder of something important. This mobile is going to be something that reminds us of the ways in which we can give back to God. Think together of ways that we can give back to God. Cut out circles and hearts and create a picture or write a word and decorate it to help you remember ways that you can give back to God.



## Activity 2 Optional – No Right Answer?

As a family discuss hard questions you might have for Jesus. What questions would your child like to ask Jesus?

**Closing Prayer:** Gracious God, We thank you for our time together today. Help us to remember those ways in which we can give back to you and serve you each day. Be with us as we leave this place, and help us to remember your gifts to us. Amen.

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