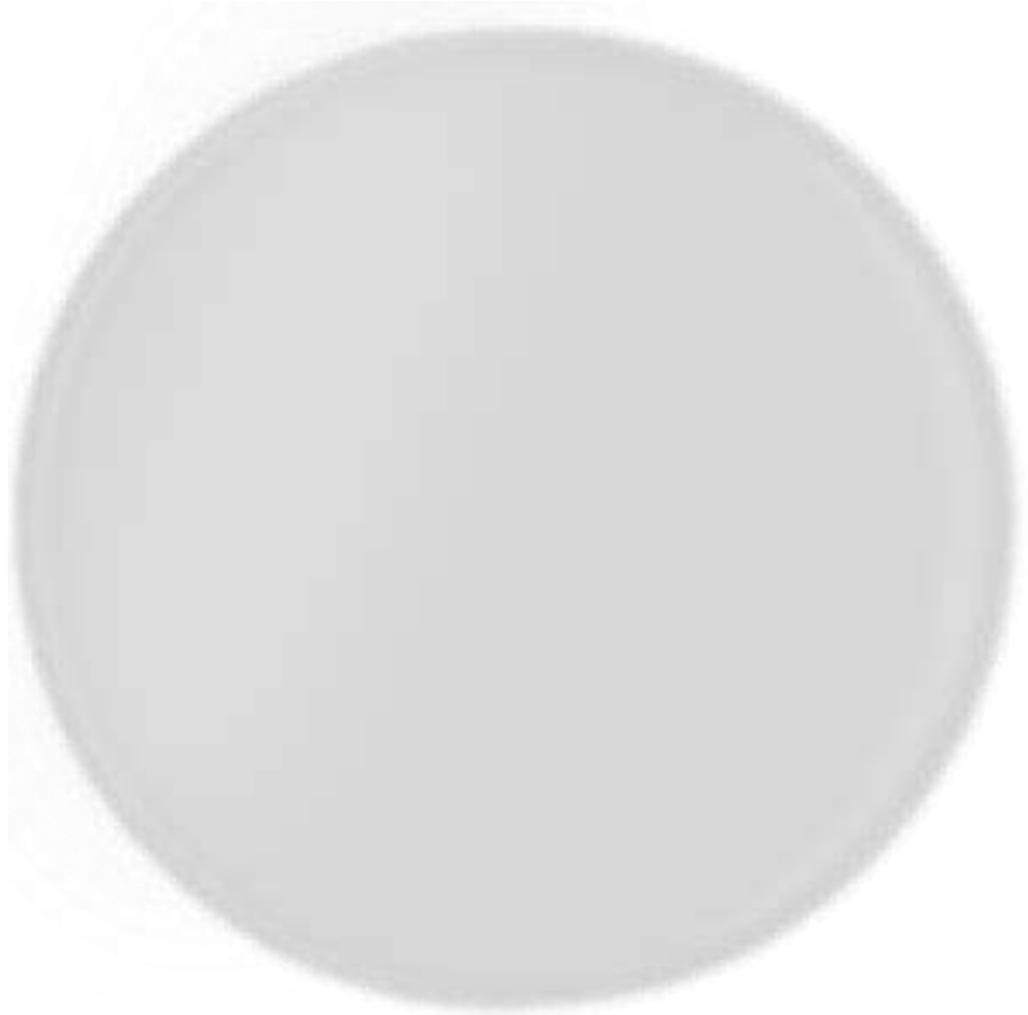


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
OCTOBER 22, 2017—THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 24)
WHERE IS YOUR PICTURE?



Above is a Roman with the face of Caesar on it.

To the right is a blank coin. Can you draw your face in this coin?



Some people asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay taxes to the king. Jesus asked “What do you use to pay taxes?” Someone pulled a coin out his pocket and said “This coin.” “Who face is on that coin?” Jesus asked. “The king’s.” they answered. “Well then, give that coin to the king, but give to God what belongs to God.”

From Matthew 22:15-22

What belongs to God? We do! Remember that we were all created in the IMAGE and LIKENESS of God! Coins usually have the face of king or other human ruler but the Prophet Isaiah reminds us that God has written our names—your name and my name—in the palm of his hand. Imagine that the big coin above is in God’s pocket. Draw your face on this coin to remember that God always wants you near and is always near you.

THE GOSPEL AND REAL LIFE

Money is important and we spend it on things that we want and need. We spend it to help other people. We spend it to support the government and the work it does. Ask your parents—they know all about taxes! What Jesus wants us to remember is that everything comes from God. The earth, people, the cities that people build, and the money that people use all begin with God. God created everything and then God gave us intelligence and skills to create and make things. So, even though human beings make things, everything begins with and belongs to God.

WHAT BELONGS TO GOD? The scrambled up words below are all things that were created by God and that Belong to God. Can you unscramble them?

1. YUO _____

2. EM _____

3. TEARH _____

4. OELV _____

5. ERUATN _____

6. LAAIMNS _____

7. RAWEEETH _____

8. BDIRS _____

9. PEST _____

10. WTRAE _____

Hints:

Not me.

Not you.

Our planet.

The greatest thing.

The great outdoors.

Creatures

Sun, rain, wind.

They can fly.

They live with us.

It's great to drink.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

What do you think belongs to God? We own things, create and buy things. Think about how everything, even those things we make ourselves come from God. We work to earn money, but how are we able to do that? What does God give us to make the things we make? Talk with your kids about your gifts and talents. Where do they come from?

Dinner Table Conversations:

How do you show that you belong to God?

How do you show that you were made like God?

What did you do today with the gifts and skills that God gave to you?

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