

SPARK SUNDAY SCHOOL

ACTIVATE FAITH

UPPER ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION



Jesus Teaches: To Whom Do We Belong

Lesson Focus: **We can spend our lives on God. & You can't trick Jesus.**

Scripture Reference: **Matthew 22: 15-22**

Spark Story Bible Pg. 306

GATHER

Check In with your High & Low for today/this week.

In this lesson, we're going to hear about dancing and a big meal called a banquet.

Question: What do you think of when you hear the word spend? What do you spend your money on? Who do you spend your time with? How do you spend or share your talents?

STORY

Dear Jesus, You have given us so much. Teach us to spend all that we have and all that we are on you! Amen.

Today we're going to read a story about Jesus being questioned about taxes and we're going to learn more about spending our lives on God.

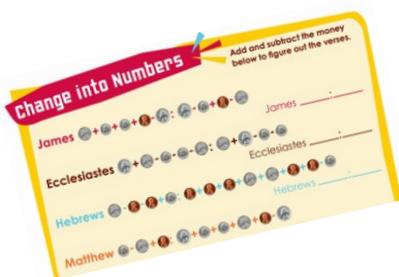
Read Jesus Teaches about Belonging. You can find this in the **Spark Story Bible on Pg. 306-307** or look in the **NRSV Matthew 22:15-22** or listen to the story online.

Jesus took a question that was meant to trick him and instead taught the people listening that the most important thing we can do is spend our lives on God.

RESPOND

Check out your activity page "**Change into Numbers**" and work to solve the coin codes. Also turn to the yellow "**Imago Dei**" section on the next page to design some of your very own money. Imago Dei is a Latin phrase that means "Image of God." Based on the images on our money, what does this say about who we think is important?

A group of religious leaders tried to trick Jesus. But the leaders left amazed. Instead of tricking Jesus, Jesus taught them about God. Check out some fun "**tricky treats**" found on your activity page that you and your family can serve anytime you want to trick someone. (You can also look up ideas online if you do not have access to the worksheet).



MEMORY VERSE

Look up **Matthew 22:21b** This is our Memory Verse for today.

Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.

SEND

Responding to God's Word

*These are ways God uses us to come back for others!
Sometimes the best way to come back is to go out!*

To: _____ From: _____ Date: _____

I want to:

- ___ List five free things you could do with your friends. Choose one and do it!
- ___ Make up a game that involves flipping or spinning a coin & invite someone to play with you.
- ___ Interview someone to tell you about the taxes they pay & what is the most challenging part of the family budget?
- ___ Make a plan to give an offering to church for God or for a local non-profit helping others.
- ___ Ask someone some trick questions.
- ___ Write a short play where someone says one thing, but does another.
- ___ Write out the Memory Verse & doodle around it in your Faith Formation Journal
- ___ Write out the Memory Verse and place it somewhere you will see it often
- ___ Give you a big hug!
- ___ Invite you to worship with you (outside or online) or invite them to Sunday School with you
- ___ Pray for _____
- ___ Say "I'm sorry"
- ___ Read this story again in my Bible
- ___ My own idea: _____

PRAY

Dear Jesus, You've given us life, time, talent, money and so much more. And we get to spend all of it on you. Thank you. Amen!