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Trying to Trick Jesus

Has anyone ever asked you a question where there just wasn't anyway to answer it without getting yourself into trouble? Sometimes, that's called a "loaded question." A loaded question is one that is worded so the person cannot answer it without appearing guilty.

Here is an example of a loaded question:

Have you finally stopped cheating when you play board games?

- If you answer "Yes" you are admitting you used to cheat
- If you answer "No" you are admitting you still cheat now

Sometimes a "loaded question" is asked to try to trick a person into saying something that will get them into trouble. The bible story today is a good example of that.

As you listen to Dr. Dalles read Matthew 22:15-22, see if you can hear the "loaded question" the religious leaders ask.

Write the question here:

Write Jesus' answer here:



This was a loaded question, but Jesus didn't answer it in a way that got him into trouble.

I wonder why the religious leaders wanted to get Jesus into trouble.

I wonder what the disciples thought of Jesus' answer.

You can read the bible story yourself in the New Testament book of Matthew, chapter 22, verses 15 to 22.

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The religious leaders, or Pharisees, tried to trick Jesus into saying people shouldn't pay their taxes to the Emperor Caesar. They figured if they asked him a loaded question about a coin and taxes, that any answer he gave would get him in trouble. Wow, were they wrong!

Jesus told the Pharisees people should give Caesar what belonged to Caesar, and to give God what belonged to God.

Jesus teaches there are rulers on earth and there are some rules on earth we have to follow. The more important point Jesus wanted to make, though, was that God rules over everything – the Kingdom on earth and in heaven. God even rules over the rulers – the good ones and the bad ones. We're supposed to follow God's rules.

As Christians – Christ followers – we can remember God is in charge. Even when we can't always see what God is doing.

Dr. Dalles challenges us to think more about whose love is on our hearts than we think about whose face is on that coin.

Paying Taxes to Caesar

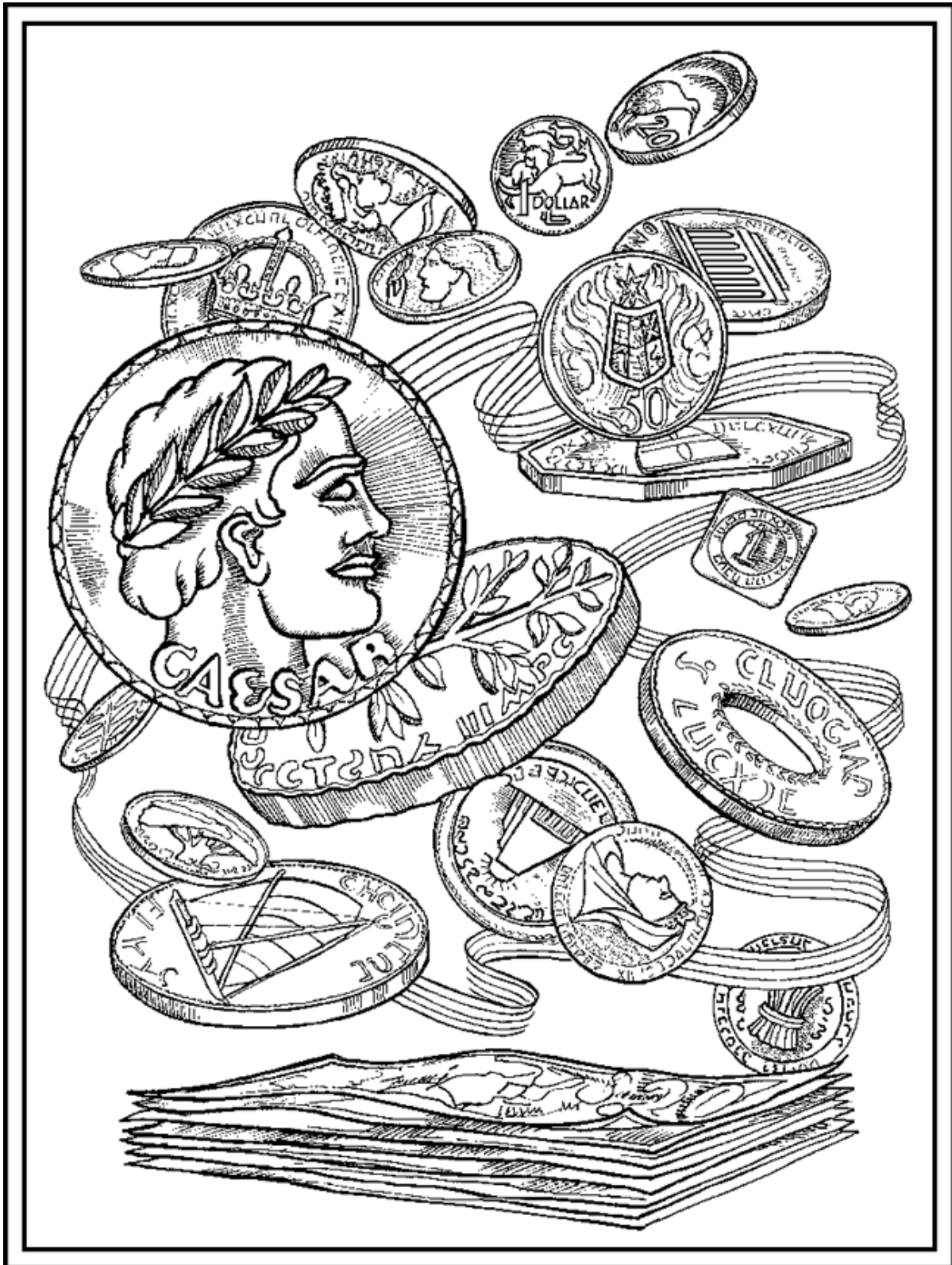
Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21



Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.
A. pharisees B. republicans C. hypocrites D. democrats
- ___ 2. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
A. taxes B. plans C. trap D. words
- ___ 3. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.
A. trap B. plans C. truth D. coin
- ___ 4. Something that we speak or write.
A. taxes B. amazed C. words D. trap
- ___ 5. Someone who gives instructions to students.
A. teacher B. pharisees C. portrait D. Caesar
- ___ 6. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
A. plans B. words C. truth D. trap
- ___ 7. To give someone money in return for something.
A. trap B. pay C. plans D. truth
- ___ 8. Money paid to the government.
A. trap B. portrait C. Caesar D. taxes
- ___ 9. What a person thinks about something.
A. trap B. opinion C. truth D. plans
- ___ 10. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
A. coin B. taxes C. words D. pay

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The Loaded Question
Matthew 22:15-22

A P O G E R X K U P N W D I I O D P U I
L E J P T Y A P C O H E E B T W O R G U
N O I T S E U Q I I N A B H D F R O Y R
U P R S B L S T O A R A R P T J E R F I
E L M X A K P T R Q R T X I B T H E D M
W E S W P I J I V R N R F I S U A P I A
M C F Z R G O V E R N M E N T E S M S G
U U A C H N K H O P I N I O N D E E C E
L E S E S C C R U L E S H T U R T S I C
F N L W S A E V I L H L D G P J I K P R
I R A T E A T U B S E X O T A L I L L F
L L A T I R R A X I A D E T R S U S E J
L U F P T T T E X N D A Q H T B K P S V
J C D T K W M A W E C Z V X L S P B U H
Z T U N T G Y G M H S W B G R T F O N F

CAESAR
DENARION
DISCIPLES
EMPEROR
EVIL
GOD
GOVERNMENT
HEAD
HEROD
IMAGE

INSCRIPTION
JESUS
LAWFUL
LAWS
MATTHEW
OPINION
PAY
PEOPLE
PHARISEES
QUESTION

RABBI
RULES
TAXES
TEACH
TEACHER
TEST
TITLE
TRAP
TRICK
TRUTH

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“Give therefore to
the EMPEROR the
things that are the
EMPEROR’S,
and to GOD
the things
that are
GOD’S.”



Matthew 22:21, NRSV