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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 25 • Session 2

LEADERS WANTED TO TRICK JESUS

Matthew 22

HOW IS JESUS THE PERFECT PROPHET? JESUS PERFECTLY REVEALS GOD THE FATHER AND FULFILLS WHAT THE PROPHETS SPOKE.

The religious leaders decided to ask Jesus tricky questions. The men said, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

"Why are you trying to trick Me?" He asked. "Show Me the coin you use to pay taxes."

The men brought Him a denarius. Jesus asked, "Whose picture is on the coin?"

"Caesar's," they answered.

Jesus said, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what belongs to God."

Later, the religious leaders came to Jesus again. "Teacher, which command is the greatest?" they asked.

Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. The second most important command is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Then Jesus asked the religious leaders: "Whose son is the Messiah?"

"David's," they said.

"How can that be?" Jesus asked. "David called the Messiah 'Lord.' Why would he do that if the Messiah is his son?"

The religious leaders didn't know what to say. Their plan had failed.

Christ Connection: When the religious leaders questioned Jesus, He answered with wisdom and power. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. He is the Word of God, who came to show us exactly what God is like.

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Tricky Picture | The religious leaders tried to trick Jesus, but He is perfectly wise. Look at the tricky picture and circle the heart and the coin that are not like the others.



What's Jesus Like? | Jesus is Wisdom and shows us what God is like. Use the Bible verses to help you determine if the statement is true or false. Write a T for true or a F for false.

1. ____ Jesus shows us that God only loves Israel. (John 3:16)
2. ____ Jesus shows us that God is full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)
3. ____ Jesus shows us that God is wise. (1 Corinthians 1:30)
4. ____ Jesus shows us that God only cares about how we look on the outside. (Matthew 23:27-28)
5. ____ Jesus shows us that God does not care about repentance. (Matthew 11:20-21)
6. ____ Jesus shows us that God offers forgiveness to those who believe in Jesus. (Mark 2:5)
7. ____ Jesus shows us that God has power over death. (John 11:25)
8. ____ Jesus shows us that God does not have compassion on people. (Matthew 14:14)

