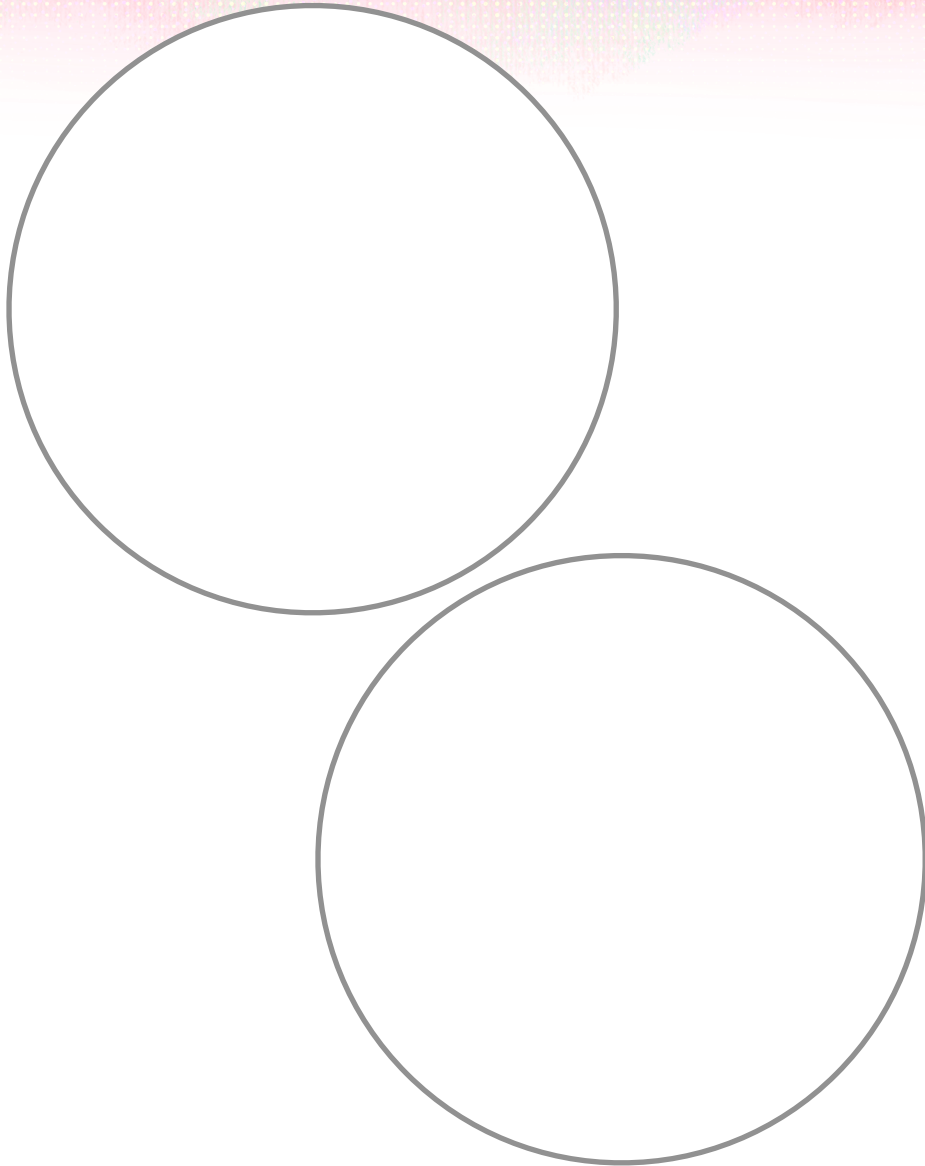


Draw & Color

Design your own coin. How much is it worth? Who's face is on the front? What image or message is on the back?



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Matthew 22:15-22

Paying Taxes

Some of the leaders of the church tried to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. They said, "You know God is the ruler of the world. So is it right to pay taxes to the Emperor?"

Jesus knew they were trying to trick him. "Who's image is on this coin?"

"The Emperor's," they said.

"Then give the Emperor what belongs to him," Jesus said. "But who's image is on everyone and everything else in the whole world?" he asked.

The leaders looked at each other. "You mean, God's?"

Jesus nodded. "Exactly! So if you believe God is the ruler of the world, you need to take care of all the things that belong to God."

The leaders frowned. They had not tricked Jesus. Instead, Jesus had reminded them of the things they were doing wrong themselves!

REMEMBER THIS

GOD'S IMAGE

An image is a picture. We are created in the image of God, so God's "picture" is on all of us!

CROSSWORD

Use the story on the first page to help you fill in the crossword puzzle.

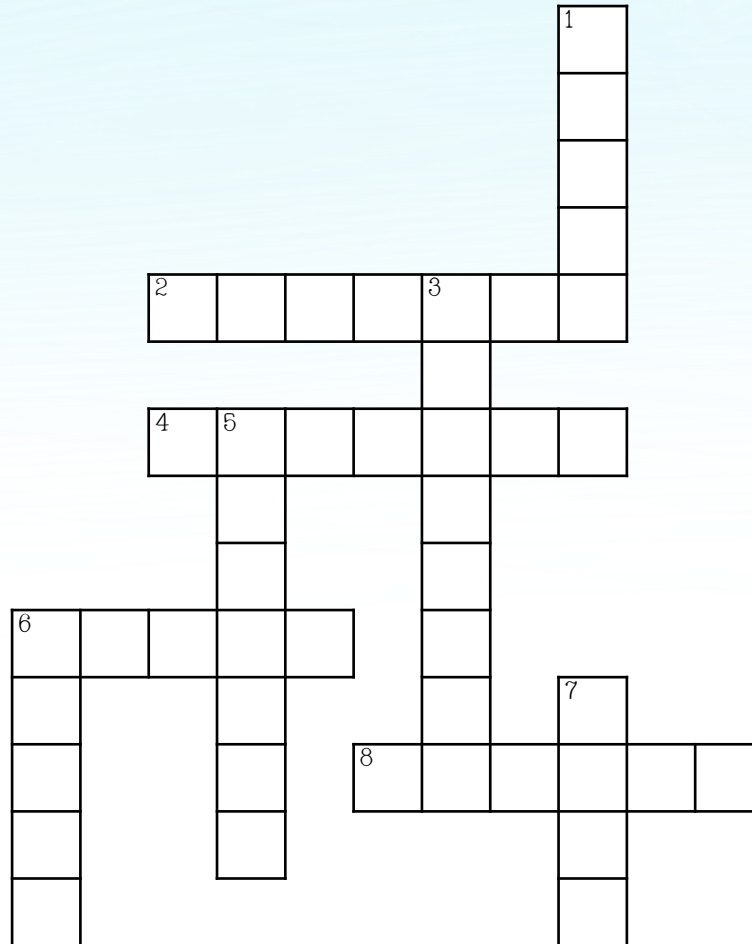
Some of the **[4 ACROSS]** of the church tried to **[6 DOWN]** Jesus. They said, "God is the ruler of the world. So is it right to pay **[6 ACROSS]** to the **[5 DOWN]**?"

Jesus knew they were trying to trick him. "Who's **[1 DOWN]** is on this **[7 DOWN]**?"

"The Emperor's," they said.

"Then give the Emperor what belongs to him," Jesus said.

"But God' image is on **[3 DOWN]** and everything else in the whole world. So if you **[2 ACROSS]** God is the ruler of the world, you need to take care of all the things that **[8 ACROSS]** to God."



Did You Know?

The Roman Empire was LARGE! They had to collect taxes in order to pay for lots of things including their huge army that kept control of all the countries and regions they had conquered. The bigger they got, the more taxes they had to collect.



TRY IT AT HOME!

Look at a bunch of different coins—if you have coins from other countries, even better! See if you can figure out whose pictures are stamped on all of them.