Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A – XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Isaiah 45 1.4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thesalonians1, 1-5; Mathew 22, 15-21

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesaror not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Reflection



The high priests and elders of the Jewish faith were furious at Jesus because He criticized how they were guiding His people and they wanted to kill him so they would keep their power. They did not recognize that Jesus was God. They planned to ask him a question which He could not answer correctly. But Jesus knew what they were up to (God knows everything.)**What did they ask Him?** "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" The Jews were oppressed by the Romans who charged excessive taxes and resented having to pay them. Also, the Roman Emperor Caesar, believed he was God; the 10 Commandments required them to worship only God and they believed this was a violation of the 1st Commandment. If Jesus answered yes, the Jews would be upset. If He answered no, the Romans, there represented by the followers of Herod, would accuse Him of treason and could put Him in jail or even kill Him. **How did Jesus answer?** He asked to see a coin asking them whose image was on it. When they answered Caesar, Jesus said, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." **What does God want from us?** God wants our heart, full of love and obedience to His commandments and willing to serve.

Activity

On the following pages, choose an activity to talk about the meaning of the Gospel

Prayer

My Jesus, I give you my heart, full of love for you. Help me to always be obedient and to seek to serve you by loving and serving others. Amen.

Song: I Give You my Heart, Hillsong Kids, https://youtu.be/8_k1yQtFlDs?si=oWCgc8cXe69YNztx

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wWyKfgN3YlT-MQwqmSKgPkEOHI8b7cMm/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's

Matthew 22: 15-21



We can fulfill our responsibilities in society and at the same time, put God at the center of our lives.

The Traveling Coin

When the music stops, the child with the coin answers a question!



1. What can we give to God?
2. How can we show love?
3. What is our responsibility at home?
4. How can we help others?



Always do good things!

My heart for God

Decorate the heart with drawings of everything you can offer to God.

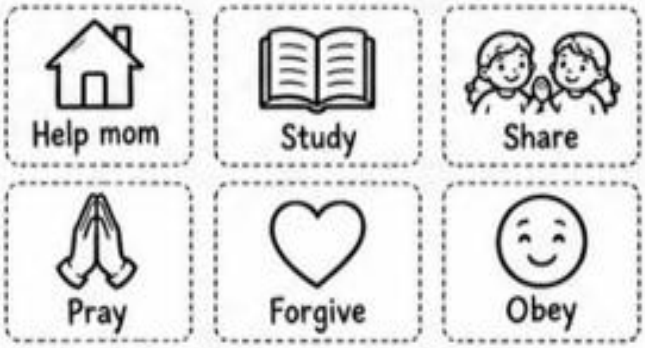


Lord, all the good things I have, I want to offer you.

Responsibility Race

Make two teams. Take turns, each child runs, takes a card and represents it with a mime.

Some examples of cards:



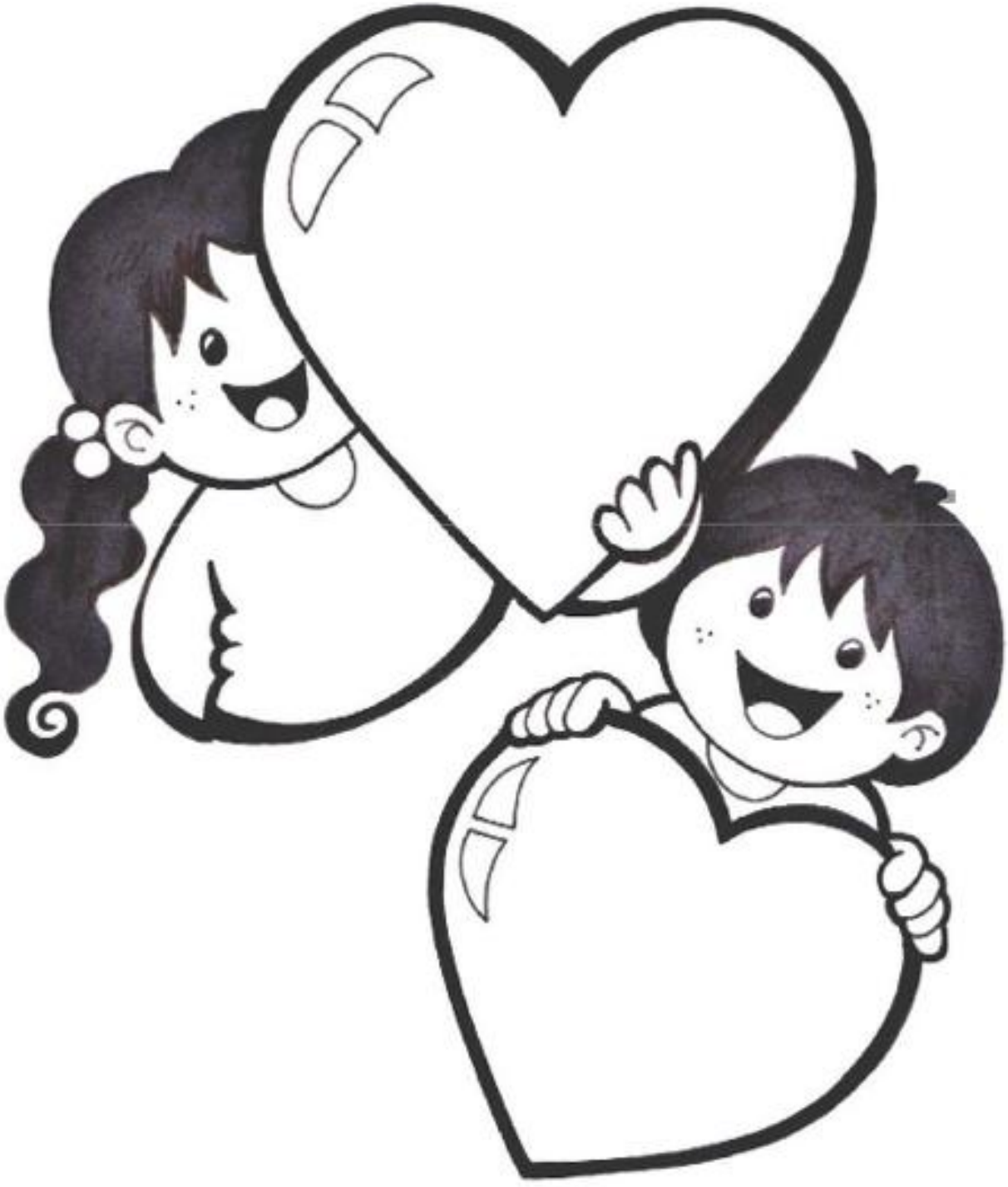


Take care of a friend

Small actions also make a big difference!

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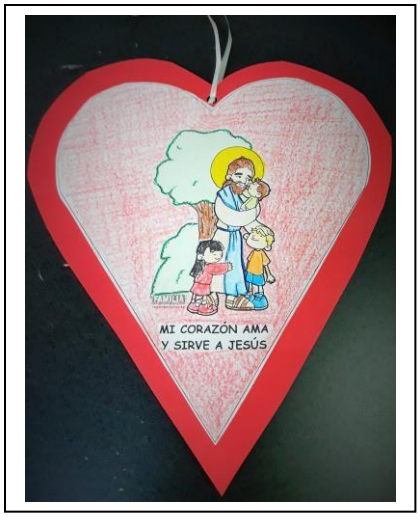
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Write or draw in the hearts how you will love or serve Jesus this week.



MY HEART LOVES AND SERVES JESUS



Instructions: Color, cut, and glue the heart onto a bigger heart on poster paper. On the other side, glue a picture of the child. Punch a hole on the top and hang with a ribbon.