



J.J. wasn't happy about leaving his friends to go shopping with his mom.

But he had worked hard for the money to buy a special present for his sister, and her birthday was already here. So playing touch football would have to wait for another day.

At the store, J.J. and his mom split up to do their shopping. He knew Mom would be practical and buy Lara something to wear. But he would buy her something fun: a poster of her favorite singer.

As J.J. passed the display of video games, he smiled. Lara had gotten him a great game for his birthday just three months ago. When he opened that present, he was so happy. Maybe she would be just as happy with the poster he was about to buy. It was fun just to think about her expression as she unwrapped it.

Then what a surprise when J.J. learned the poster he wanted was on sale! He had saved \$7.00 for the poster but today he could get it for \$4.99. "This is great," J.J. thought. "I'll have enough left over to buy a \$2.00 fruity-freeze slushy!"

No such luck. J.J.'s excitement soon turned to resentment at the checkout counter, when he ended up with only \$1.56 in change. He had not thought about the sales tax. What a downer.

Read Matthew 22:15-21 and then close your Bible and see if you can answer each of the following questions correctly. If you need help, open your Bible again and check the verse that appears at the end of the question.

WHAT BELONGS TO



1. Who went off to plot how to trap Jesus? (v. 15)

THE HERODIANS THE PHARISEES

2. How did the Herodians and the Pharisees address Jesus? (v. 16)

TEACHER LORD

3. What word did the Herodians and the Pharisees use to describe Jesus? (v. 16)

IMPORTANT TRUTHFUL

4. To whom did the Jews pay a census tax? (v. 17)

HEROD CAESAR

5. What filled the hearts of the Pharisees and the Herodians? (v. 18)

MERCY MALICE

CAESAR; WHAT BELONGS TO GOD



“Wow, J.J.! Thanks! I love it,” Lara squealed with delight after she tore off the wrapping paper to uncover the poster. “It’s just what I wanted. Thank you!”

J.J. was so happy that he was able to make his sister happy. Then he remembered how grouchy he had been after buying the poster and learning he didn’t have enough money to buy a fruity-freeze slushy for himself.

J.J. learned that he could respect authority and pay what he owed—and be loving and generous.

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6. What word did Jesus use to describe his questioners? (v. 18)

HYPOCRITES HIPPOPOTAMI

7. What kind of coin did Jesus use to answer the trick question? (v. 19)

A ROMAN COIN A JEWISH COIN

8. Whose image was on the coin Jesus used to answer the question? (v. 20-21)

CAESAR’S HEROD’S

9. What did Jesus say to repay to Caesar? (v. 21)

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