

Ben's Dilemma

Key Word: **Taxes**

Key Verse: "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." *Matthew 22:21b*

"Are you joining?" shouted Tim. Ben frowned, "I'm not sure." Tim stared at him in amazement. Ben was considered the best football player in the class, and the game without him was unthinkable. "What do you mean?" asked Tim.

Ben was shy to admit to his best friend that he went to church on Sundays. A new football team was forming and was going to hold practices and games on Sunday mornings. Ben didn't know what to do. He thought if his classmates discovered what he did on Sunday morning, his life wouldn't be worth living. He would just be teased unmercifully.

Ben loved football. It was so unfair, playing would mean giving up church, and he'd decided that he wanted to learn more about Jesus and to follow him. His friends never went to church so were unaware of Ben's dilemma. He decided to pray about his problem, since God heard prayers and gave answers. Ben prayed all week, but nothing happened.

He went to church and was so deep in his own thoughts that he barely heard the service, until a Bible reading caught his attention. "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God," he heard. Ben began thinking that what belonged to God was church on

Sunday morning. Ben thought about his life, and realized that his spiritual life was more important than football.

When he went to school the next day, he calmly announced to the whole class that he wouldn't be joining the new football team because the time clashed with his church service. His friends stared at him. Ben waited for the teasing, but to his surprise nothing happened. Nobody said anything until nearly the end of the week. Then a group of his friends came up to Ben. "We really need you on the team, Ben," they said. "We've spoken to the organizers of the new team, and they've changed the time to Sunday afternoon. Would you be able to come?"

Ben looked at them, his eyes shining. "Would I?" he said. "Just try to stop me!" He practiced with the new team on Sunday afternoon, but Sunday morning he had a very special thank you to God.

Questions

1. Is it sometimes hard for you to decide between two things you enjoy?
2. Why did the men in the Bible try to test Jesus?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 22:15-22



- Picture Differences
1. Bat in hall
 2. Rug in hall
 3. Missing thumb
 4. Arm band
 5. Colored shash
 6. Colored chair
 7. Cross on archway
 8. Cat under chair
 9. Window
 10. Colored steps
 11. Top of chair

Letter Tile Puzzle

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Word Scramble

THINGS
MALICE
TEST
EMPEROR
TAXES

SINCERE
PEOPLE
TEACH
GOD
TRUTH

Secret Phrase:
They were amazed.

Answers

Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words and write the letters in the boxes. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

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Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

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Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are eleven differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.

