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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 24

HONOUR EARTHLY RULERS AND AUTHORITIES





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Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. What symbols or images are on the coins you use?
- 2. What is tax and why do people have to pay taxes?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

2nd reading

Exodus 33:12-23
Moses and the glory
of the Lord

1 Thessalonians

1:1-10

Thanksgiving for faith

Gospel reading

Matthew 22:15-22

The question of paying taxes

DISCUSS

Jesus said, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). What belongs to earthly rulers? What belongs to God?



ACTION RESPONSE

Discuss what your household gives to the Lord (e.g. giving your time serving others or a financial offering). Include each household member in the practice of giving (even very young children can be involved).



PRAYER

We praise you Lord, for you are great and mighty, there is no one like you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

All thanks to God who gives us food and blesses all our days. To him who rules from heaven above, we offer heartfelt praise. Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you faith, love and hope and keep you strong in following him.

GIVE THE EMPEROR WHAT BELONGS TO HIM AND GIVE GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.

MATTHEW 22:21



VERSE OF THE WEEK