

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 10/11/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22

LESSON: Jesus Was Questioned



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we talked about people praising Jesus as He rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. This week, we are going to see that the religious leaders in Jerusalem really didn't like what Jesus was teaching.

Tricky Questions - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Use these fun questions to get your kids thinking in the direction of our lesson for today.

- What has hands and a face, but can't hold anything or smile? *A clock.*
- It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it? *Your name.*
- What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it? *Silence*

Say - Some of those questions were pretty tricky right? In our story today, the religious leaders are going to try and trip up Jesus with some even trickier questions.



LESSON - JESUS WAS QUESTIONED

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Was Questioned](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

The religious leaders asked Jesus tricky questions. (Kids repeat!)

The religious leaders did not like that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah (or the fact that He *was* the Messiah!!), because that threatened their power and authority. They sent men to ask Jesus tough questions. Their goal was to catch Him saying something wrong so they could make him look bad!

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus knew how to answer all of their tricky questions. (Kids repeat!)

When the men asked Jesus about paying taxes, they were trying to trick Him. This question has no right answer, because either He would make the crowd angry (they don't want to have to pay taxes) or He'd make the Roman government mad and they would arrest Him!. (Cue twirling evil mustache - muahahahaha!)

Then they asked Him which of the 10 commandments was the most important (again hoping to trick Him...), but Jesus nailed it! He quotes the words God told Moses in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your might". That command encompasses all the others! Jesus couldn't be tricked!

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

The religious leaders could not answer Jesus' questions. (Kids repeat!)

After they failed to trick them, Jesus asked the religious leaders some direct questions. He asked them how it was possible for the Messiah to be the offspring of David's son but also David to call Him Lord? The religious leaders were stuck. They knew a lot about the bible and didn't want to look dumb in front of the crowd. But they also didn't really have a category for the Messiah being God who came to earth as a man... which is exactly who Jesus is! Even though the religious leaders were mean to Jesus, He keeps patiently showing and telling them and the crowd who He is.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus can answer any question because He is the wisdom of God. (kids repeat)

Jesus knew that the religious leaders were trying to trick Him and knew all the right answers to the questions because He is God and knows everything! He answered with wisdom and authority because His words are God's words!! Because He is God!. Jesus is the Word of God who came to show us exactly what God is like. Paul even tells us in 1 Corinthians that Jesus *IS* the wisdom of God. All our biggest questions are no match for Jesus. He can help us with anything we're confused about or struggling with!



RESPONSE

Sing: [He Humbled Himself](#) (Key Passage Song)
[Good Good Father](#)

Pray: Father, thank you for knowing all of the answers. Help us to trust you to know them. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Why did the religious leaders ask Jesus questions? *The religious leaders were only questioning Jesus to try to catch Him doing something wrong. Jesus knew what they were trying to do and answered them with wisdom and authority (Luke 20:22-26)*
- How can we see Jesus' wisdom and authority in the way He answered the religious leaders? *The religious leaders thought they had come up with a super tricky question about taxes because either way they thought He would answer - either the Jews or the Romans would have a problem with it; however, Jesus saw beyond their craftiness and answered with wisdom and power.*
- How can we answer life's questions with wisdom? *Help kids recognize that we can find the answers to life's questions as we spend time with the Lord through prayer and reading His word. When we keep God's Word in our hearts and rely on the Holy Spirit within us, we also can answer tough questions with wisdom.*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and if you don't know the answer, tell them you will try to find out. If you have any questions you're really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of Jesus talking with the religious leaders.

Parent Share - When have you had a question or a problem God knew the answer to?

Silent Ball - The object of this game is to be the last person still in. Sit in a circle and throw a ball or small stuffed animal to each other. There are only three rules:

- 1) If you do a bad throw, you're out.
- 2) If you miss a catch, you're out.
- 3) If you talk AT ALL, you're out.

So once the game starts, any communication has to be non-verbal.