Ordinary Time: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday October 22, 2023

Lead Story Headline:
What Belongs to God?

"I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no God"
Isaiah 45:5

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Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

"Some Jewish leaders, called Pharisees, wanted to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. So they went to him and said, ‘Teacher, we know that you are honest and that you always teach the truth about God. We know that you are not afraid of what other people will say about you. You treat everyone the same. So tell us what you think about this - should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ Jesus knew they were trying to trick him, so he said, ‘You phonies! Why are you trying to trick me? Show me the money you use to pay your taxes.’ Jesus looked at it and said, ‘Whose picture is on this money, and whose name?’ They answered, ‘Caesar’s.’ So Jesus said, ‘Well then, give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.’

This is the Good News of the Lord.


"...give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."
Matthew 22:21

Brainstorm:
Come up with some ways that you can be loving, thankful, kind, good and truthful, just like God! Write them down and keep them somewhere you will see them in the morning so that you always remember how to try to act throughout your day!

What Do You Think?

1. What do you think it means to be made in God’s image and likeness?
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2. What do you think it means to give to God what belongs to God?
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Activity: Bubble Fillers

The people of the Thessalonian Church were special to Paul. Do you know what he especially liked about them? Use each set of letters in the thought bubbles one time to fill the boxes and reveal the answer.


Food For Thought:

Did you know that you don't have to pray at specific times or in specific places? God is everywhere so we can pray wherever we are and we can pray at all times too! Think about that during the day and see if you can pray in some new places and at some different times!

"...we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you..." 1 Thessalonians 1:4
Boredom Busters: Tin Can Designing

Have you ever made a tin can holder? This is a fun craft that you can do to decorate in your house! You should ask a parent or guardian to help you do this craft so that you can stay safe!

You Will Need:
- A Marker
- A Plain Tin Can - no label
- A Hammer
- A Small Nail
- A Votive Candle
- A Lighter or Matches

First, pick a pattern that you want on your can. Then draw that pattern with dots on your tin can with the marker! Then ask your parents to help you to put holes in your can on your pattern with the hammer and the nail. Then you can put your candle inside and light it and watch it glow! Make a few different ones and see what they look like in the dark!


"O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth"
Psalm 96