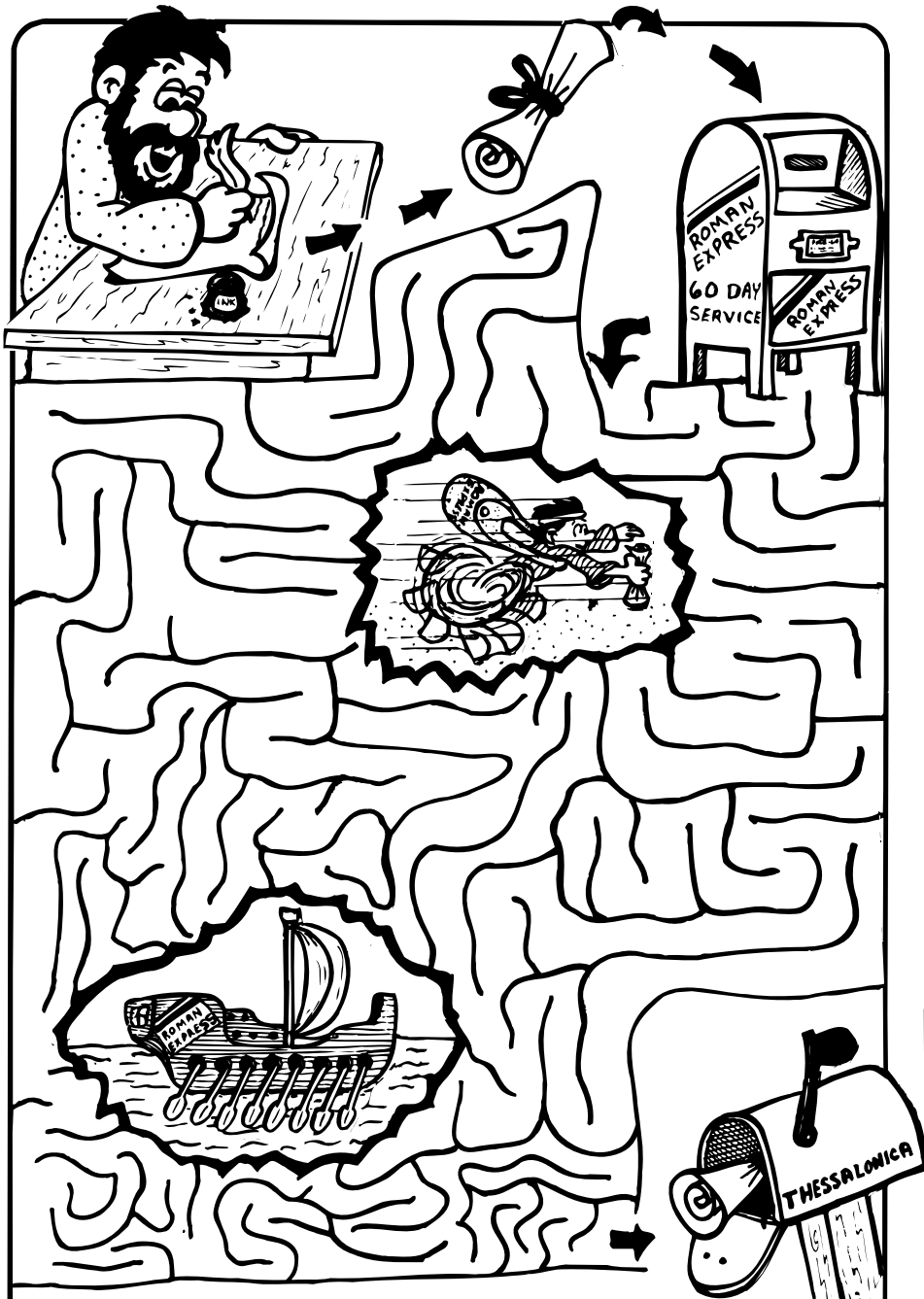


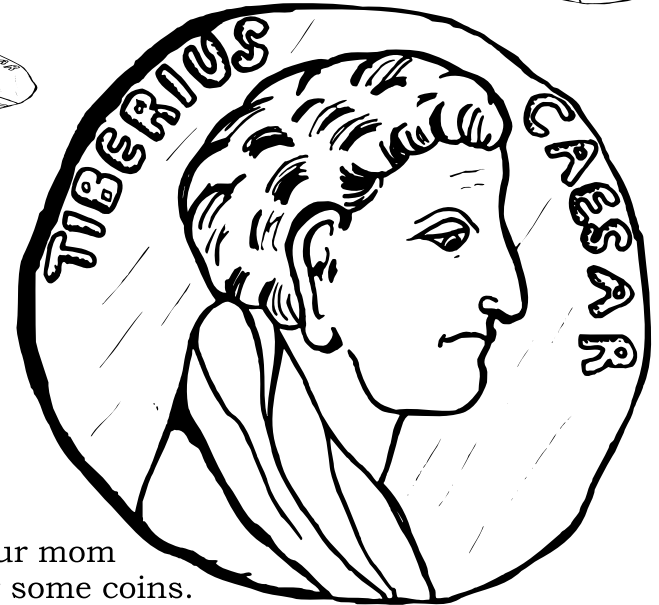
Kidsword

Matthew 22:15-22

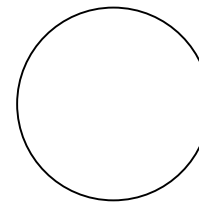


The Apostle Paul wrote many letters to Christians in cities around the ancient world. One of the earliest letters we have in the New Testament is one he wrote to the Christians in a Greek city called Thessalonica. It was written about twenty years after Jesus' resurrection.

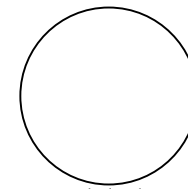
Jesus asked:
"WHOSE PICTURE IS ON THIS COIN?"



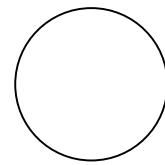
Ask your mom or dad for some coins. Put them inside this *Kidsword*, underneath the circles, below. Now use your pencil to rub the circles with the coins under them. This is how you make a *rubbing*.



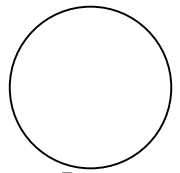
Quarter



Nickel



Dime



Penny

When you're done, ask if you can drop these coins into the offering plate.

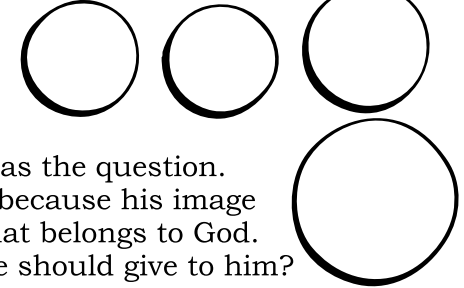
JESUS, MUST WE PAY TAXES TO THE ROMAN SINNERS?

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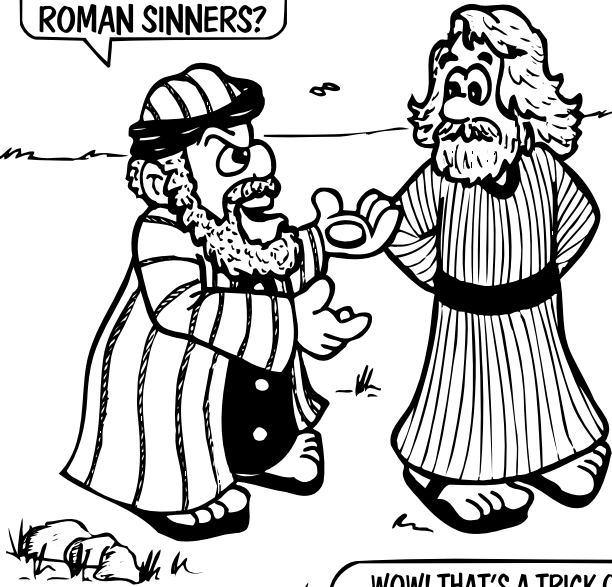
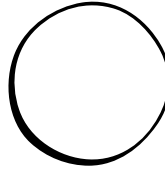
Coins usually have pictures of a country's leaders or heroes on them. When Jesus asked whose image was on the coin, it was probably a coin like the one on the front of this paper.

Create your own coins.

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Jesus' answer was just as tricky as the question. He told them to pay Caesar his tax because his image was on the coin, but to give God what belongs to God. What has God's image on it, that we should give to him?



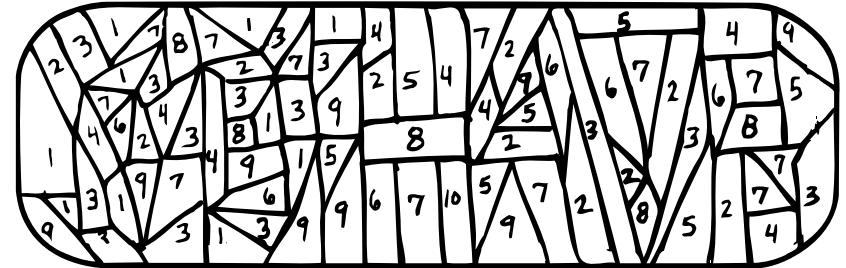
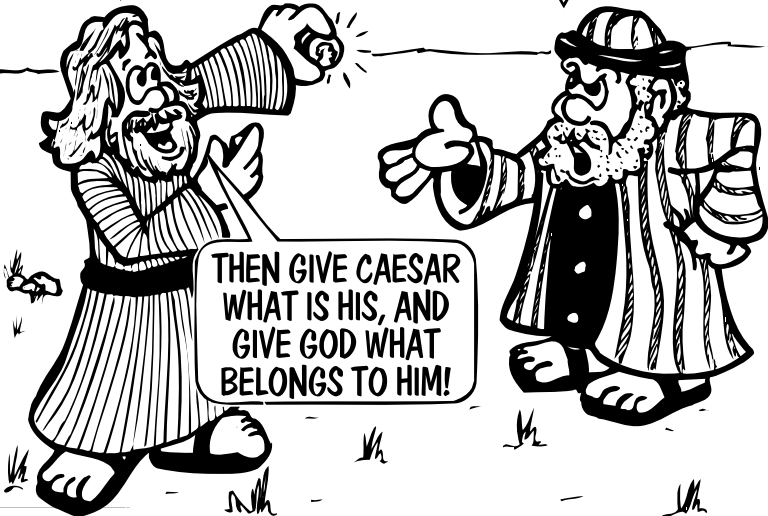
WOW! THAT'S A TRICK QUESTION! IF HE SAYS NOT TO PAY, THEN THE ROMANS WILL ARREST HIM. IF HE SAYS THAT WE SHOULD PAY, EVERYONE WILL HATE HIM!

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TELL ME WHOSE PICTURE IS ON THIS COIN?

THE ROMAN EMPEROR'S, OF COURSE! OUR ENEMY!

THEN GIVE CAESAR WHAT IS HIS, AND GIVE GOD WHAT BELONGS TO HIM!



Color the spaces with even numbers in them.

THE IMAGE OF GOD IN ME? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? DOES GOD LOOK LIKE ME?

WELL, GOD IS SPIRIT AND CAN'T BE SEEN WITH OUR EYES. GOD DOESN'T HAVE A BODY, BUT WE ARE LIKE GOD IN OTHER WAYS. THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. WE CAN DO THINGS THAT GOD CAN DO.



Find the things we can do that show God's image in us.

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