



# Jesus is Questioned

Matthew 22; Mark 12; Luke 20 | K-3rd grade

**STORY POINT:**

Jesus spoke with wisdom.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."

**PHILIPPIANS 2:8**

**AS KIDS ARRIVE:**

As kids arrive let them color and work on their activity pages. There are also some floor games they can play with like LEGOS, blocks or Go Fish.

**WELCOME KIDS AND GO OVER UP RULES:**

"We are so glad you are here today! My name is \_\_\_\_\_. We always love hanging out with you and opening up the Bible together. We have a lot of fun things planned for today and I'm going to need your help to make it happen. Do you remember any of our UP Rules?"

Rules will always be on the wall in each room so you can refer back to them.

(Let the kids respond and remind them if they get off track)

1. Listen Up
2. Look Up
3. Sit Up
4. Hand Up
5. Zip Up
6. Mask Up
7. Clean Up

**OPENING QUESTION:**

Invite kids to come to the floor and sit on a log cushion. Ask them the following question to help start the conversation for the day.

**SAY:** "Before we get started I have a few quick questions for you. Would you rather have money with your name and face on it or have people pay you money each month?"

(Give the children time to respond.)

**SAY:** Our questions were easy to answer. In today's Bible story, some religious leaders asked Jesus many questions. One of them was about money. Their questions were hard and meant to trick Jesus into saying something wrong, but Jesus never says anything wrong. Listen to our story today for how **Jesus spoke with wisdom** from God.

**OPENING ACTIVITY: Twenty Questions**

**Supplies:** *nothing*

*Think of an object and give the kids 20 chances to ask yes or no questions about the object. When they have asked all their questions, see if they know what object you are thinking of. Play additional rounds as time allows. If this is too challenging for your group, consider offering descriptive statements one at a time to see if they can guess the object before you give them 20 statements.*

**SAY:** Somebody in our story today tried to trick Jesus by asking Him a lot of questions. But **Jesus spoke with wisdom**. Let's find out how.

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**BIBLE STORY: Jesus is Questioned | Matthew 22; Mark 12; Luke 20**  
(Tell the Bible story using the story below and then show the Bible story video)

**SAY:** The Bible is God's one big story that points us to Jesus. Each week we get to open up God's words and learn who God is and how God loves. Does anybody remember how many books are in the Bible? (66)

**Go over Key Passage: Philippians 2:8**

**SAY:** "Our memory verse comes from the book of Philippians That's a book from the New Testament...it was actually a letter written to some early followers of Jesus. Let's see if we can say it together. Repeat after me in a in your silliest voice."

"Philippians 2:8" (let the kids respond in a silly voice)

"And being found in human form"

"He humbled himself"

"By becoming obedient"

"To the point of death"

"Even death on a cross."

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**SAY:** Alright here we go! Our story today comes from the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. These are the first three books in the New Testament part of the Bible. These books are called Gospels. The Gospels tell the true stories about Jesus' life on earth. Let's listen to God's words to us.

**SAY:** Before we get started, I'm going to need your help. Whenever you hear the word "money" or the word "coin" I need you to say "CHA-CHING!" And whenever you hear the word "love" I want you to draw a heart in the air like this (show kids how to draw a heart in the air). Let's practice!

**The religious leaders** heard Jesus teaching, and they decided to try to trick Him by asking Him a question. Some men **went to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we know You tell the truth. Is it right to pay money to our leader Caesar or not?"**

**"Why are you trying to trick Me?" Jesus asked.** Then He told them to show Him what money they use to pay taxes.

The men brought Him a coin. **Jesus asked, "Whose picture is on the coin? Whose name is on it?"**

**"Caesar's," they said.**

**Jesus said, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what is God's."**

**The men were amazed, and they went away.**

**Later, the religious leaders asked Jesus, "Teacher, which command in the law is most important of all?"**

**Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second most important command is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."**

A man said to Jesus, "That's right. Loving God and your neighbor as yourself is far more important than offerings and sacrifices."

The man's answer was wise, and Jesus said to him, "You are close to God's kingdom."

**Then Jesus asked the religious leaders, "Whose son is the Messiah?"**

**"David's son," they said.**

**"How can that be?" Jesus asked. "David called the Messiah 'Lord.' Why would he call his own son 'Lord'?"**

**The religious leaders did not know what to say, so they did not ask Jesus any more questions.**

**Here is how this points us to Jesus:** When the religious leaders asked Jesus questions, He answered with wisdom. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. He came to show us what God is like. Jesus has power in heaven and on earth. He wants us to love God with all of our body, not just with our money.

***(Feel free to show the Bible Story video if you have time to help reinforce the story.)***

Our Big Picture Question helps us think about how our story points us to Jesus. We will go over it for the next few weeks. After we say it a few times, you guys will be able to answer it.

**Big Picture Question:**

**What did Jesus do to save us?** *Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.*

**PRAYER:**

(You can take prayer requests from kids before you pray if you want to pray for the kids. You can also ask a child if they would like to pray.)

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"Father, thank You for Your love. We know that Jesus is Your Son—He is perfect and wise and faithful. Help us have faith in Him. Amen."

**CRAFT: Make Coins hearts and Coins**

**Supplies:** wooden coins and hearts, markers, paint pens

1. Give each child a wooden coin and heart on a plate.
2. Hand out markers or paint pens.
3. Help each child write their name on the bottom of the coin with a Sharpie.
4. Let children decorate their coins with a design. It can be a face, a heart or a shape or number.

**SAY:** Hearts remind us of love. People asked Jesus, "What command is the most important?" Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." When the religious leaders asked Jesus questions, Jesus spoke with wisdom. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. He came to show us what God is like. God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to save us. *How did Jesus save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.*

**GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. **Who asked Jesus questions and why?** (*religious leaders, to try to trick Him*)
2. **How did Jesus answer the question, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?"** (*"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what is God's."*)
3. **What did Jesus say is the most important command?** (*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart."*)
4. **What did Jesus say is the second most important command?** (*"Love your neighbor as yourself."*)
5. **What did Jesus do to save us?** *Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.*

**If you finish early, allow children to play on the floor with games or color while they wait for their parents.**