

The Temple Tax

Review: previous songs

Memory verse: Matthew 17:27-“However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.” (ESV)

Read: Matthew 17:24-27

Sing: The coin from the fishes mouth

Vocabulary: Tax- a mandatory charge of money or of goods imposed upon citizens by a governmental organization.

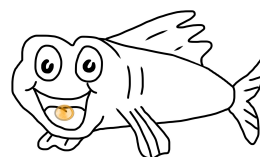
True or false:

1. The tax collectors did not care if Jesus paid the tax?
2. Jesus told Peter to go to the bank and get money for the tax?
3. Jesus told Peter to pay a shekel to the tax collectors for both Jesus and Peter?

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus say they should pay the tax?
2. What should Peter take out of the fishes mouth?
3. How was Peter supposed to get the fish?

Before children color the coloring sheet. Place a penny under the fishes mouth. Rub a crayon lightly over the penny. The shape of the penny should appear in the fishes mouth. Now let the kids color their fish with the coin in his mouth.



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