

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 24A

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Please refer to Guidelines for Children's Addresses in Worship document produced by the LCA Department of Liturgics and Grow Ministries - download guidelines [here](#).



MAIN POINT

Give God what belongs to God

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God. (Matthew 22:21)

AIDS

Some items which represent jobs or talents - clock, hammer, guitar, saucepan, loaf bread, wallet etc.

ADDRESS

Show some of the items. What is this? Who might use it? How would they use it?

How do we get money?

e.g. parents work, we work, chores

Why do we need money?

e.g. buy food, clothes, house

Who knows what taxes are? Let's ask the congregation how they feel about paying taxes.

e.g. hopefully you'll get some groans.

Why do you think they are not that happy about paying taxes?

e.g. they work hard and want to see their money used for good

Jesus said, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God". God wants our government rulers to take care of us. Even though no one likes paying taxes we know it is important to support our government and help them to do what is right to help everyone.

Each Sunday we receive an offering that supports our church leaders so they can help people. We have an offering prayer that says we give God our time, talents and possessions. Have a look at all these things I have here today. They represent some of the gifts God has given us and ways we can use them.

Your family might talk about how they give their time, use their gifts and give their money to help the church do the work God wants us to do. God has first given us things so we can then use them to help other people. There might be times in our lives when we don't have very much money but we might have more time to give or we might have a talent that God wants us to use. But we can all share God's love. We can all tell people about Jesus and that doesn't cost us anything.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for giving us time, talents and money. Help us to see where you need us to use the gifts of our time and talents. Help us to give our money to help other people, so they can see and feel your love and care. Amen.

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