

children give reasons why men hated Jesus, if they can, or recall instances in which this spirit was shown. Tell how the priests tried to lay a trap to catch Jesus in his words, so that they might be able to accuse him. They did not know that he could read all their thoughts. Do we ever try to hide anything from God?

Show one of our coins bearing upon it a head of Liberty, and tell that the Roman penny had Cæsar's head upon it. The Jews were very unwilling to pay a tax to this Roman emperor, Cæsar, but they had to do it, because he had conquered their country. A good while ago our country had to pay taxes to England, because then it belonged to England.

The priests sent men to Jesus to ask him if they ought to pay this tax, thinking that if he said Yes, the Jewish people would be angry with him, and if he said No, the Romans would be angry. Tell how wisely he answered, teaching at the same time the great lesson that all belongs to God.

We may learn from this lesson to give, what to give, to whom to give, and how to give.



In order to give we must have something, and have a heart to give it. We all have something, and God will give us the heart to give what we can, if we will, ask for it. But perhaps you say, "I am poor." Let us count what you have to give—Time, Thought, Work, Study, Play, the Use of Hands, Feet, Head, and Heart.

We should give all these to God because they all belong to him. The fruit of the vineyard belonged to God, not to the husbandmen. The whole earth belongs to God, and all that it produces. So our bodies and souls belong to him, and all the fruit that we bear.

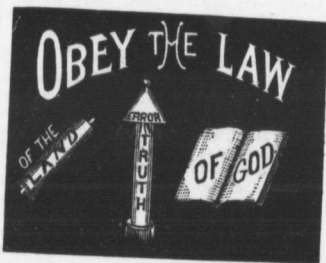
But how can we give to God? We can give him our time by being ready to run on his errands. We give him our thoughts by asking him to take them and make them right. We can ask his blessing upon our play, and then he will direct us in it. We can give him our work, by remembering that he sees how we do it, and by doing it for him. Jesus loves the child dearly who remembers him in all these things.

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Obedience to the law of the land and of God is taught in this lesson. See verse 17. Ignorance of the law will not be a good defence in any court, and, it is, therefore, a plain duty for us to seek to understand God's

law, for by it we are judged. The Sadducees sought to obscure the light of truth by error, and Jesus told them plainly that they knew not the Scriptures. The light of truth should shine, and by its rays we may know the hidden things of God.



[SUGGESTION. Place this diagram on the board as it is. Afterward, at the close, erase the extinguisher of error, and with three or four lines of chalk throw the rays of light on the Bible. The light of truth and God's word are inseparable.

LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1882.

- SEPT. 3. Love to God and Man. Mark 12. 24. 28-44.
- SEPT. 10. Calamities Foretold. Mark 13. 1-20.
- SEPT. 17. Watchfulness Enjoined. Mark 13. 21-37.
- SEPT. 24. Third Quarterly Review.

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